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# The Voluptuous Return

## *Still Life by Walter Anderson*

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# President's Message

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**Delta State University**

**Office of the President**

Fall 2001

Dear Alumni and Friends:

This fall issue commemorates the end of our 75th Anniversary year. Typically, we pause before we begin anew. The annual cycle of frenetic energy during the academic semesters and relative repose during the summer is no longer so attuned to its traditional agricultural rhythms. The campus has been lively this summer.

We have been hosts for the prestigious state Lion's Club Band, the Mississippi Boys' State program, and the Mississippi Arts Commission's Whole Schools Program-- which trains teachers in using the arts to stimulate student learning in all disciplines. We also have continued our innovative programs with the Janice Wyatt Summer Arts Institute—putting professional artists together with high school students from around the state to develop their talents, and our new Superintendent's Academy—to train the next generation of school leaders, along with our usual quota of athletic camps in several sports. One benefit of these programs is to acquaint people from outside the Delta with our campus and our excellent faculty and staff. We reap that benefit when their enthusiasm for us reaches their friends and communities and encourages potential students to consider coming to our university.

This "marketing" aspect of our summer work is based on the idea that this place-- our campus, our larger community and this beautiful Delta region-- will prove attractive and compelling. Our belief in this place derives from a deeper source than marketing. We who live at this university know the value of this enterprise. We see it manifest by the dedication and commitment of our faculty and staff, and by enthusiastic students pursuing their education in our classrooms and through our student life and athletic programs. We are affirmed in this belief by your communications with us, celebrating and remembering fondly the time you spent at Delta State.

The value of this place has a larger context as well. As a newcomer, I am struck by the profound identification of people—at the university and in the larger community-- with this region. When asked, "Where are you from?" they invariably answer, "the Delta," not simply "Cleveland," "Belzoni" or some other town. That answer reflects allegiances that have deep human significance, drawing upon the wellsprings of the physical beauty, the history, the ecology, the culture, the personal and family histories, and the communities of Delta life.

We as a university benefit from this powerful tie, and we are trying to be responsive to its many dimensions. We do so through our interdisciplinary centers of faculty teaching, scholarship and service, including our Center for Community Development, the Delta Center for Culture and Learning, the Center for Science and Environmental Education, the Bologna Center for the Performing Arts, and the Madison Center-- which examines constitutional issues of importance to the Delta. Each of these offers programs and services that pursue greater understanding and appreciation of various aspects of Delta life.

We also honor the commitment to this place by striving to be an integrative force for the future development of this region, promoting collaborations among communities that too often are isolated and disconnected. The fate of the university is tied to the fate of the Delta. No community's future is guaranteed in these fragile times. We must overcome great challenges, including the fragmentation of efforts engendered by competitive relationships or by traditions that separate people. Only by working together can Deltans find a secure place in the new economy, build viable and inclusive communities, enhance the quality of life and govern themselves. Delta State is committed to make this happen, by serving as the university for all the Delta. Our determination is to make the future of the Delta as bright and as deserving of allegiance as its past. We hope you share our devotion to the Delta, and that you recall and savor the richness of your time in this place.

David Potter

Dr. David Potter
President

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# Student Services Restructures

Dr. Wayne Blansett, Vice President for Student Affairs, has announced that the Division of Student Affairs underwent an administrative restructuring of student services designed to meet the needs of today's prospective and current student population. Named to head up Delta State's new Enrollment Services Department is Steve Watson as the Dean of Enrollment Services.

*Watson*

"Our new enrollment management approach is designed to maximize Delta State's prospective student contacts and to focus our data collection on increasing the quality and quantity of our student population," Dr. Blansett said. We intend to market this tremendous product we have at Delta State and strengthen our image as a viable institution of higher learning, a regional and expanding university."

*Gong*

Long-time Registrar and Director of Admissions James Donald Cooper, who retired July 1, 2001, has agreed to return in a part-time capacity as Assistant to the Dean of Enrollment Services. "We are very pleased to have James Donald with his valuable experience, return to assist us in our enrollment management plan," said Blansett.

Also in the reorganization plan, Penney Gong, former Assistant to the Registrar, has been named Registrar with Debi Ingram, Administrative Secretary in the Registrar's Office, becoming the Assistant to the Registrar and Coordinator of Commencement.

*Heslep*

Debbie Heslep, past Coordinator of Admissions, has been promoted to Director of Admissions. Betsy Elliott continues as the university's Director of School Relations.

Additional changes in Student Affairs involve the Counseling Center and Student Financial Aid. Due to the retirement of long-time Dean, Dr. Ross Story, the Counseling Center has a new Director, Dr. Richard Houston and the Counseling Center have moved the office to the O. W. Reily Health Center. In Student Financial Assistance, Dwaun Warmack has become a Financial Aid Counselor. Warmack will continue to work with Campus Link, DSU's student volunteer and service-learning center.

The administrative restructuring for enrollment services fulfills recommended changes by external consultants and initiated by Dr. David Potter to enhance student service opportunities at Delta State.

# Hales Conquers the 'Digital Divide'

*Hales*

Dr. Brent D. Hales was recently featured in the *Delta Business Journal* discussing his work with integrating telecommunications technologies into rural economic development plans. Hales, Associate Professor or Sociology and Community Development, says, "We are seeing initiatives from state and federal leaders, independent telecommunications providers and universities the Southeastern U.S. are paving the way. However, accessing technologies in development efforts are hindered in rural areas due to the 'Digital Divide' that exists between rural and urban areas."

Hales, along with Dr. Myrtis Tabb, Director of the Center for Community Development, have organized a series of conferences and forums to provide information to Delta communities about the "Digital Divide." "The Digital Divide is the degree of separation between those communities who have access to the tools of the Information Age and those who do not. The challenge to the leaders in the Delta is to work with education and employers to develop mechanisms that will make computers and Internet access available to every family in the Delta," said Hales. Hales may be contacted at 662.846.3000 or bhales@dsu.deltast.edu.

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## Umfress Joins Staff

*Umfress*

Jason Umfress has been named Coordinator of Student Development. His responsibilities include Student Government Association, Interfraternity Council, coordinator of over 90 campus organizations and director of Delta Discovery Orientation Program.

Umfress, a 2001 DSU graduate from Hatley, served as president of the Student Government Association and was selected as a member of the DSU Student Hall of Fame.

## Combest Attends Shakespeare Conference

*Combest*

Ashley Combest was among those students chosen to attend and make a presentation at the Sixth Annual Undergraduate Shakespeare Conference at Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, Pa.

A senior English and German major from Greenville, Combest presented her paper entitled "On the Throwing About of Brains: Creating the Myth of Hamlet" to a distinguished group of peers and Shakespeare scholars.

A talented student at Delta State, Combest has been the recipient of the John Tatum Scholarship and the Weaver Betts Cotton Scholarship. She is a member of the honor society for top students in her class, Phi Kappa Phi, served as president of Lambda Iota Tau, a student literary honor society and editor of Confidante, the student literary publication. This past summer, Ashley spent two months at Berlin's Goethe Institute studying German.

## Quon Elected to Licensing Board

*Quon*

John Quon, the John Yurkow Distinguished Professor of Accounting, has been elected to the Mississippi State Board of Public Accounting. Among the responsibilities of the board is that of serving as the licensing board for Certified Public Accountants for the state.

In addition to being a long-time member of the university's accounting faculty, Quon is also the faculty representative with the DSU Foundation Board of Directors.

## Meeks Named New Miss Rodeo Mississippi

*Meeks*

Robin Meeks, a 2001 graduate from Madison, is the new Miss Rodeo Mississippi. She was selected based on her expertise and prowess during the annual Miss Rodeo Mississippi competition in Jackson.

A nursing major, Meek's interest and love in rodeo and horsemanship was instilled in her on the family farm where she and family raise quarter horses.

As the new Miss Rodeo Mississippi, Meeks received thousands of dollars in gifts and prizes, and qualifies to compete for the Miss Rodeo America Pageant title in Las Vegas in December.

## International Partnership Established

*Stewart*

Dr. William Stewart, dean of the College of Business, has announced that Delta State, North Alabama, and Western University in Baku, Azerbaijan, have joined together in a project known as the UNA-DSU-Western University Project. The project provides teaching and techincal assistance to Western University over a three-year period under the auspices of a U.S. Information Agency grant.

## Bologna Performing Arts Center Recognized

*By Denise Jones*
*Bolivar Commercial Staff Writer*

The Bologna Performing Arts Center (BPAC) has been recognized by the Mississippi Alliance for Arts Education as the winner of the Distinguished Cultural Institution Award for 2001.

*Papian*

"We are really honored the Alliance recognized us for this award," BPAC Executive Director Sharon Papian said.

"One of the things about the Bologna Performing Arts Center is the outreach beyond the campus, its professional development program for teachers and the performance experience for students K-12," said Althea Jerome, president of Mississippi Alliance for Arts Education. An example is the school matinee program, which reaches more than 12,000 students annually."

The Mississippi Alliance for Arts Education is a statewide coalition of citizens that support the provision of comprehensive programs of education in the visual, performing and literary arts for all children in the public schools, K-12.

"We know the Bologna Center has a tradition of excellence from programs available at the center," Jerome said. "We also appreciate the professionalism of Sharon Papian and the high quality she brings to the center through arts education and through the performances she brings in," she added.

## Professor Selected for International Competition

*Fosheim*

Dr. Karen Fosheim, Associate Professor of Music, performed in the Teachers Institute held in collaboration with the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition in June. Host for the 2001 competition was Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Tex.

Fosheim's qualified as a solo performer for the Master Class following audition for judges of the event. The Teachers Institute annually includes leading concert artists, teachers, and music industry experts from around the world.

## McEwen Receives Teacher's Award

*McEwen*

Dr. Malcolm McEwen, Professor of Science and Director of the Center for Science and Environmental Education (CSEE), was named the 2000-2001 recipient of the Robert Harrison Award for outstanding teacher at Delta State.

The award is presented annually by the Institutions of Higher Learning in honor of Robert Harrison, a long-time IHL board member who wanted ongoing recognition for outstanding teaching in the state universities.

In announcing the award, Dr. John Thornell, Vice President for Academic Affairs, stated, "Dr. McEwen not only is a excellent classroom instructor but he has also exemplified the scholarly outreach mission of the University through his work with the CSEE."

## Caston Honored by National Faculty

*Caston*

Dr. E.E. (Butch) Caston, Dean of the College of Education, was recently honored by The National Faculty as its first recipient of the Community Partner Award. Caston was recognized for his work on the Delta Initiative, a $1.37 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education for the improvement of education in the Delta; for his role in developing the Delta Area Association for the Improvement of Schools (DAAIS), 34 school districts in the Delta; and for getting The National Faculty to locate its state office at Delta State.

## Ragon Receives HPER Awards

*Payton Ragon (left) and Dr. Kent Wyatt (right)*

Payton Ragon, Delta State University senior health, physical education and recreation major from Courtland, is the 2001 recipient of the Forest E. Wyatt Award which is given annually to the outstanding major in the department. Dr. Kent Wyatt, president emeritus of Delta State and son of the late Forest E. Wyatt, congratulates Ragon.

*(left) Forest E. Wyatt*

## School of Nursing Receives National Accreditation

*Propst*

Dr. Maureen Propst, Dean and Professor of Nursing said the School of Nursing has been granted national accreditation by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

Delta State's School of Nursing is the first program in the state of Mississippi to receive this national recognition. "This recognition continues to set the academic tone of excellence in the classroom," said Dr. David Potter, DSU's president. "We have continually had all of our academic programs gain national accreditation from their national affiliates." Delta State is one of two state-supported institutions that have national accreditation for all of its academic programs.

CCNE is an autonomous arm of the prestigious American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN). AACN, which established CCNE in 1996, is the national voice for university and four-year college education programs in nursing.

In making the announcement, Propst acknowledged the faculty, staff, students and alumni of the DSU School of Nursing. "The quality and integrity of all members of our team enabled the School to achieve this national recognition."

## Foster Named Director of Accounting

Becky Ellis Foster, a 20-year employee of Delta State University's Division of Business Affairs, has been promoted to Director of Accounting. She replaces the retired Dan Nixon, who served more than 30 years at the post.

*Foster*

Foster graduated summa cum laude in 1971 from Delta State with a BBA degree in accounting. A native of Cleveland, she served from 1971-72 as Secretary to the Dean of the School of Education.

Following a 10-year hiatus, she returned to her alma mater, working from 1981-1987 as assistant to the Director of Accounting and 1987-1992 as the Administrative Assistant and Secretary to the Vice President for Business Affairs. Foster was named Bursar in July 1992, serving in that capacity until her promotion.

**Homecoming 2001**
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# Boys State Held on Campus

*Gov. Ronnie Musgrove welcomes Boys State participants to Delta State*

The Delta State campus was alive from June 9 through June 15 with future leaders as the University hosted the Mississippi American Legions Boys State Program.

"We are pleased to have had these 400 young men on our campus for this event," said Dr. David L. Potter, President of Delta State University. "They have completed another phase of their civic education, and we were glad to help in process."

American Legion Boys State is a unique "learn by doing" summertime leadership program that emphasizes participation and personal experience. Established in 1939, Boys State gives young men a better understanding of how elections and state government works in their state. Today citizenship instruction is offered through Boys State in forty-nine states and the District of Columbia with more than 28,000 young men participating annually.

Each summer, the top 400 young men from across Mississippi attend Boys State. Only those having completed their junior year of high school are eligible. Sponsored by their local American Legion Post, the delegates are chosen based on their academic record, leadership potential and participation in extra-curricular activities.

At Delta State, they campaigned in party primaries and participated in the legislative process. They also listened to speeches by top state officials, including Governor Ronnie Musgrove, Lt. Governor Amy Tuck, Attorney General Mike Moore, Rep. Charlie Capps and others. Another feature of this year's program was competition for college scholarships valued at $10,500.

"The move to Delta State was a rewarding one and allowed Boys State room for continued growth and more flexibility in scheduling," said R. V. Martin, State Commander of the American Legion Department of Mississippi. "We appreciated the efforts of the Delta State staff and are already planning for next year's program."

## Buckley Appointed to LPC Board

*Buckley*

Dr. Matt Buckley, Assistant Professor and Coordinator of Delta State University's Community and School Counseling Masters of Education program, has been appointed to the Licensing of Professional Counselors State Board. Buckley, in his fourth year at DSU, will join other LPC Board members in reviewing, examining and approving all applications for state licensure and taking care of any grievances made toward state counselors.

## Eads Selected for Festival

*Eads*

Brian Eads, senior Music Perfonmance major from Greanada, was only one of two Mississippians selected to participate in this year's Aspen Music Fetival. Eads recently won the Mississippi Collegiate Artist Competition in Piano.

## Outstanding Faculty and Staff Members

*Robinson*

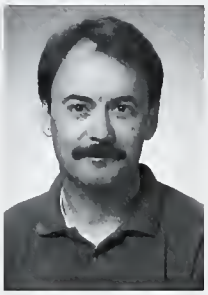
Dr. James Robinson, Professor of History, is the 2001 recipient of the S.E. Kossman Sr. Outstanding Faculty Award. Robinson, who earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in History from Delta State, is a 33 year veteran faculty member. The late Mr. Kossman was a long-time friend of the University and his son, Ed Kossman, Jr., and family established the award in 1983.

Sandra Daniels, a member of the custodial services staff at Delta State University, is the recipient of the H.L. Nowell Outstanding Support Staff Award, an award initiated by the Administrative Staff Council for an extraordinary staff member. Funded by Mr. Nowell's family, the award is named after H.L. Nowell, Director Emeritus of the Union and a former staff member who exemplified the dedication and concern for others that is desirable in the recipient. Mr. Nowell served Delta State for almost 40 years in many different capacities. Daniels has worked at the University since 1990.

*Sanders*

## Parker Wins Award

Collier Parker credits five people who have had a major influence on his professional success as an artist.



*Parker*

The New Orleans native, who has served as Chair of the Art Department at Delta State since 1992, has been honored by the Mississippi Institute of Arts and Letters. Parker was awarded first place in visual arts for his body of work that includes landscapes and portraits.

In presenting the award, Robert Riseling, Memphis College of Art professor, stated, "He (Parker) is an excellent painter with outstanding portrait work...as well as a body of fine landscapes painted in Europe that demonstrate his knowledge of history and reverence for great artists like Cezanne."

"Malcolm Norwood, who hired me and nominated me for this award, was my mentor. Terry Simmons, one of my professors when I was a student at Delta State, instilled the love of Art History in me." Parker said. He also credits his two years of individual study with James Hanes at LaSalle University and with Angelos Frudakis at the Frudakis Academy of Fine Arts in Philadelphia, Pa., for much of his success.

"Sammy (Britt), a colleague now and one of my teachers while I was an undergraduate student, encouraged me to study under Frudakis," Parker said. "I earned my MFA degree from the Rosary Graduate School of Fine Arts, Villa Schifanoia, in Florence, Italy, after my study with Hanes and Frudakis."

Parker, reared in Greenville, earned his BFA degree in Painting from Delta State in 1979. He returned to the University as a faculty member in 1984.

## Campus Leaders Selected

Sarah Deason *(left)* of Cleveland, is the Student Alumni Association president and a member of the Alumni Board of Directors. Sarah was recently inducted into the Delta State Hall of Fame.

Josh Manley, *(right)* senior political science major from Southaven, was elected president of the Student Government Association for the 2001-02 school year by the student body.

# Thornell Named Academic VP

Delta State University President Dr. David Potter has announced that Dr. John Thornell has been named Vice President for Academic Affairs. His appointment was approved at the June meeting of the Board of Trustees of the State Institutions of Higher Learning. Thornell replaces Dr. W. Frank McArthur who retired after holding the position for 20 years.

"I am pleased to announce that Dr. Thornell has been given Board approval for this most important post at the University," Potter said. "He has played an active and successful role in Delta State's academic and economic success. I look forward to his continued leadership on the campus and throughout the region."

*Thornell*

Thornell is a native of Jackson, and was reared in Cleveland. He attended Delta State, earning an undergraduate degree in education in 1969. He taught in the public schools of Greenville for three years, while also earning a masters degree in Educational Administration at Delta State.

Subsequently, he enrolled in graduate school at the University of Texas where he served as a teaching assistant. There he earned the Ph.D. in Education in 1974, and in 1975 he accepted a faculty position at Delta State.

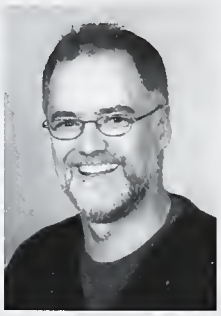
In 1978 Thornell was named Director of Institutional Research and Planning and Dean of Continuing Education in 1988. He also earned a master's degree in history in 1987. He was named Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs in 1999. During his tenure as an administrator, Thornell has continued to teach part-time and currently serves as a professor of history.

Thornell has received several teaching awards, the most recent when he was named 2001 Humanities Teacher of the Year for Delta State by the Mississippi Humanities Council. He also has compiled a distinctive research record, having authored or co-authored over $3 million in successful grant proposals and 35+ articles, papers and book chapters.

A leader in community and professional organizations, Thornell has served as president of the Mid-South Educational Research Association, Mississippi Council of Graduate Deans, the Cleveland Rotary Club, and the local chapter of the American Cancer Society, and chairman of the board of the First Methodist Church. In 1986 he was selected to the Kellogg National Fellowship Program, a three-year leadership program administered by the Kellogg Foundation.

Thornell is married to the former Nita Bishop of Cleveland, and they are the parents of a daughter, Abby, who resides in Orlando, Fla.

# Noted Graduate Speaks at May Ceremony



*Rodgers*

Bryan Rodgers, a 1977 DSU graduate, and the only student-athlete from an NCAA Division II member school to be selected as one of the coveted "Top Five Student-Athlete" awards, returned to the campus to deliver the 2001 commencement address.

A successful businessman, Rodgers serves as Creative Director for The Maryland Group, a regional advertising agency based in Nashville, Tenn. He is past president of The Nashville Advertising Federation.

He earned his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Art and his Bachelor of Arts degree in History from Delta State where he compiled a perfect 4.0 grade point average. He holds the Masters of Business Administration degree from Vanderbilt University's Owen School of Business.

While at Delta State, Rodgers earned national honors as a first baseman for former coach Dave "Boo" Ferriss, being named to the NCAA All-America team and also earning the College of Sports Information Directors Academic All-America accolades. He also earned the Gulf South Conference's most prestigious award in 1977 when he accepted the Commissioner's Trophy for his athletic skills.

A resident of Nashville since 1983, Rodgers has designed several sports information media guide covers, and also is credited with designing the collage of Delta State athletics presented annually to Statesmen and Lady Statesmen senior athletes upon their graduation.

Rodgers serves on the board of Young Life, a Christian-based ministry to high school students. He and his wife, Erin, are the parents of two daughters, Kathleen and Elizabeth.

# A Woman's Journey...from the Quad to Tian'anmen Square

When Jeanette Hubbard Quay graduated from Delta State in 1976, Kent Wyatt was the new President; the Union Building was just two years old; the Lady Statesmen were the AIAW National Champions for the second year in a row; and Gerald Ford was President.

Jeanette was, as she describes herself, "a young woman from the cotton fields of the Delta on the way to the Syracuse University College of Law in Syracuse, N.Y."

Through the years, when asked if she was scared, intimidated or afraid that she would fail at Syracuse, Jeanette replies a resounding "No".

"Delta State had prepared me well for law school, Jeanette says. "To this day I tell everyone that the most difficult class I ever took was not in law school, but was Dr. Maria Butler's Shakespeare class at DSU," she adds with a smile.

Jeanette graduated from law school in December of 1978. She was the only "Southerner" at Syracuse and had experienced the honor of being called on in class almost every day so the professors could hear her talk.

Following graduation, Jeanette and her husband moved to Houston, Tex, where she began practicing law with a firm specializing in commercial litigation. After five years her law career took them to Fort Worth where she had a legal position with an oil and gas company founded by Texas Rangers Baseball team owner Eddie Childs. Jeanette served as counsel to a number of large corporations over the next few years and after what she laughingly calls a shortlived "retirement" , now is affiliated with a Texas law firm, Spain & Hastings and is Acting General Counsel for a multi-national airline ground services company, Worldwide Flight Services.

After having spent her entire career in exciting and challenging professional roles among the captains of industry, in November of 2000 Jeanette was given "an opportunity of a lifetime". She was asked to be a part of a delegation of twenty-five lawyers, sponsored by the State Bar of Texas, to visit China in a professional exchange through the People to People Ambassador Program. This program had been founded by President Dwight Eisenhower to foster understanding between people following World War II.

According to Jeanette, what she and her delegation experienced was amazing.

"China is a country with a rich 3,000 year history, whose culture of the past is colliding with globalization, the forces of a market economy and the impending entry into the World Trade Organization," she explains. "It is a country of extremely poor, but generally had working and proud people." "Our group met with lawyers, business executives, law school professors and students, who were hungry for information about our system and eager to share their ideas with us," she continues.

During their three week visit, Jeanette and her group experienced the beauty and power of China in the Great Wall, the Forbidden City, Tian'anmem Square and the terra cotta warriors at Xi'an. However, one of the greatest highlights of the trip was in Beijing where they met with representatives of the People's Congress of China. They were told they were the first American citizens ever to do so.

Representative of the Congress told of their people's struggle to survive and meet the even the most basic needs of food, clothing, shelter and fuel. They talked about everything from power systems and water pipes to China's trial system, the death penalty and the one child per family law. The Representatives left their American visitors with one clear thought..."Without democracy there can be no stability".

The next day Jeanette's group witnessed the arrest of twenty people in Tian'anmen Square, just across the plaza from where they had met the day before and heard such eloquent and heartfelt talk of democracy.

On returning from her travels, Jeanette admits China had a profound effect on her.

In recalling her visit, she shares that "never had she, a little girl who grew up in the Mississippi Delta, felt so foreign, and so incredibly grateful to be an American."

## Lewis Appointed Circuit Judge

*Lewis*

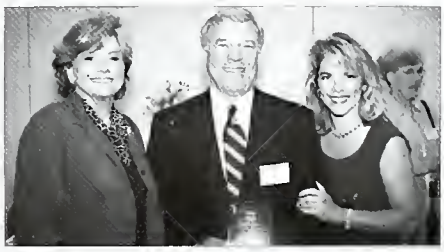
Larry O. Lewis has been appointed a circuit judge for Mississippi's 11th District by Governor Ronnie Musgrove. The 11th District is comprised of Coahoma, Tunica and Quitman counties. A former city judge, Lewis has practiced law in Marks since 1968.

Lewis graduated from Delta State in 1964, serving as the Student Body President for the 1963-64 school year. He received his juris doctorate degree from Tulane School of Law in 1967.

He has served as a director and secretary for Citizens Bank & Trust, attorney for the Quitman County School District and the mayor and board of alderman in both Sledge and Marks, and prosecuting attorney for Quitman County.

Lewis has also served as a commissioner of the Mississippi State Bar Association, director with the Mississippi Prosecutors Association, and past president of the Quitman County Bar Association.

## Mitchell Receives Main Street Award



Ned Mitchell, a 1961 graduate, recently received The Paul Coggin Award from the Mississippi Main Street Association for his dedication and support of the associations programs. Mitchell's wife, Bettye (left) and daughter Suzanne Mitchell-Bailey (right) were on hand for the presentation. Ned Mitchell is president of the DSU Foundation Board.

## Cates Named Executive Director

*Cates*

Dr. Mary Alice Cates has been named executive director of the Girl Scout Council of Northwest Mississippi, Inc. Cates is a resident of Cleveland, and has a doctor of education degree with a minor in counseling, and has a bachelor of science degree in social studies from Delta State University. Dr. Cates retired from Delta State as the director of the University Counseling and Testing Center.

# Kenneth Cummins: Immersed in Art by Design

By Lana Draper

*Cummins*

For Kenneth W. Cummins, a 1983 graduate, two loves he cultivated while a student at Delta State have influenced not only his livelihood, but his life at home as well—design and art. A successful Interior Designer who owns his own design firm in Memphis, Tenn, Cummins says he first realized his passion for art and began collecting when he was still in college. Now his impressive collection, which he began cultivating in earnest about ten years ago, literally fills his home. He also credits his success in the field of interior design to early inspiration and guidance of his instructors in the Art Department at Delta State.

"I think there were several extremely influential instructors there (at Delta State) who guided me," Cummins recalls. "Malcom Norwood, in particular, took an interest in me and encouraged me– for that I will always be very grateful," Cummins continues. Delta State has always had a very good art department."

Cummins' career in interior design, launched at Delta State, has given him the opportunity to do travel extensively throughout the United States and around the world. He has completed design projects in Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina, Colorado, Alabama, Arkansas, Saudi Arabia, and, of course, Tennessee and Mississippi. He recently completed an entire renovation for the Memphis branch of the Federal Reserve Bank.

In addition to his large commercial installations, Cummins has been recognized for his residential interiors, one of which was recently featured in the March-April 2001 issue of *Veranda* magazine. He served as interior designer for a French country-style home in Memphis, designed by archtect Bobby McAlpine of McAlpine Tankersley.

"For the home's open floor plan, I chose a neutral palette for the living room and then built the rest of the house around it to create a comfortable, livable environment," he says.

The homes owners were so pleased with the effect Cummins created they asked him to decorate their vacation homes in Florida and North Carolina and an office suite in Memphis.

His home in Memphis was also featured in the April 2001 issue of *RSVP Memphis* magazine. He is cited for his skillful use of color and lighting to create the proper setting for displaying his extensive art collection while maintaining a perfect balance of comfort and elegance throughout the home.

Cummins, who has been active in a number of professional interior design organizations currently serves as President of the Tennessee chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID). He is past chair for the Memphis association of ASID and has participated in the strategic planning for that organization in 1999, 2000 and 2001. He was instrumental in setting up a Student Mentoring Program for all schools in Tennessee with the American Society of Interior Designers student chapters.

# Phillips Brings Fresh Taste to Philosophy

*Phillips*

What is the meaning of life? What is truth? What is love? These are just a few of the questions posed in philosophical discussion groups started in cafes and nursing homes, schools and prisons throughout the country by 1996 Delta State graduate Chris Phillips.

Phillips was already well into a flourishing career as a freelance journalist when he walked into an office at Delta State "looking for something". What he found was four people who helped to set him on a course that has led to his unique approach to and his quest for promoting philosophical thought by and for the people.

The four men he happened to meet at Delta State were John Thornell, Vice President of Academic Affairs and professor of history; Henry Outlaw, chair of the Department of Physical Science and professor of chemistry; Bill Pennington, professor of philosophy; and Bill Hays, professor of English.

"These four people fed my desire to study philosophy in a variety of ways," said Phillips.

By setting up informal philosophical discussion groups Phillips hopes to "return philosophy back to the people as it was taught by Socrates. He believes sharing our beliefs and truly listening to the beliefs of others, especially those people we wouldn't normally communicate with in every day situations, makes us better human beings by opening us up to other trains of thought.

Phillips currently has plans to establish a Socrates Café, a philosophical discussion group based in a local restaurant in Cleveland. For those who are interested in participating in a group or learning more about his fresh approach to philosophy, but who cannot attend an established group meeting, he has written a book, *Socrates Café: A Fresh Taste of Philosophy,* which is now in its fourth printing.

# Moore Assumes New Post

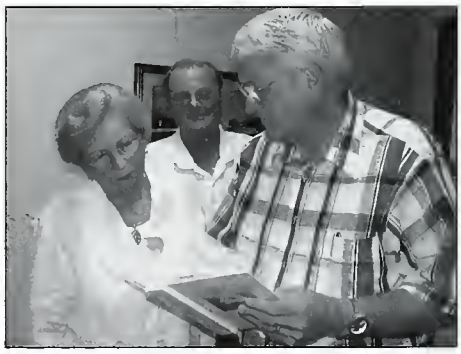
*Moore*

Marine Corps Brigadier General Thomas L. Moore, Jr. assumed a top post in one of the military's largest unified commands in early July.

Moore relieved Marine Corps Brig. Gen. Samuel T. Helland as U.S. Joint Forces Command's Operations Director. In his new position, the General and his staff will coordinate and control multi-service operations and North Atlantic deployments of the command's forces. U.S. Joint Forces Command's mission is to lead the transformation and experimentation efforts of the U.S. military.

General Moore, promoted to brigadier general in January 2000, previously served as Assistant Wing Commander 2nd Marine Air Wing at Cherry Point, N.C.

He received his undergraduate degree from Delta State University and also graduated from the Armed Forces Staff College in 1985 and Air War College at Maxwell AFB, Ala., in 1994. In 1996, he received his Masters Degree in Human Resources Management from Troy State University.


*Members of the Class of 1963, (l-r) Brenda Long Dean, James Donald Cooper, and Dr. Don A. Skelton, view the new Alumni Directory.*

**The 2001 Delta State University Alumni Directory has been released and shipped. If you have any questions about the directory please call:**

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# Chief Executive Officer, United Parcel Service Global Freight Solutions

David Abney's career with United Parcel Service has been marked with several milestones, the most notable being his assumption of the role of Chief Executive Officer of United Parcel Service's Global Freight Solutions, a $2 billion in annual sales company. UPS Global Freight Solutions is comprised of twelve companies UPS has acquired, which focus on international freight and customs brokerage.

*Abney*

Abney was president and chief operating officer of SonicAir in Scottsdale, Ariz. prior to his current responsibility. He also held the title of executive vice president responsible for included coordinating the activities between SonicAir and UPS, involvement in the steering committees and quality circles, managing the ISO 9000 Quality System Project, and involvement in key customer accounts. Abney is currently on the Board of Directors for the Air Couriers Conference of America (ACCA) and is also Chairman of the Airline Liaison Committee.

Abney, who received his bachelor of business administration degree with a major in marketing from Delta State University in 1976, began his career in his hometown of Greenwood as a Loader for UPS in the early 1970s. From there, he became a Package Driver, Package Center Supervisor, District Auditor and later an Accounting Supervisor. In the 1980s, His positions included Hub Manager, Division Manager, and Labor Manager. He continued on in the 1990s as Division Manager in New Jersey and ultimately as District Manager of Salt Lake City, Utah. In this position, he was responsible for all UPS activities in Utah and most of Idaho, supervising 3,200 employees.

Abney attributes his success to the many excellent people he has had the opportunity to work for and with. He believes in and practices "managing from the heart". He feels that if you always put people first, that they will take care of everything else.

"I was the first one in my family to attend a four-year college and earn a college degree. I received a partial academic scholarship to Delta State and a semesters credit based on my ACT score and high school grades at Pillow Academy. Delta State gave me an opportunity no one in my family had ever had before," said Abney. "I am particularly grateful to Dr. John Tanner and Dr. Marlon Rico, both of whom had a big impact on my life. I like to think that I started a tradition of attending Delta State. I now have a niece attending, Anna Kyle, who is a senior. Although another one of her uncles, Jack Kyle, is also a graduate and he was recently recognized as the Outstanding Alumnus of the Year."

Abney, who got up each morning at 6 a.m. and drove to Delta State from Greenwood, attended classes from 8 a.m. to noon and returned to Greenwood to work the 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. shift at UPS. He remembers sleeping on the second floor of the then recently completed H.L. Nowell Union during breaks from his classes. "People often gave me strange looks, but it was my only chance to get some sleep as I was struggling to balance work and school," stated Abney.

Prior to relocating to the Atlanta, Ga., area, he resided in Scottsdale, Ariz. and Salt Lake City, Utah where he was involved with the United Way of Salt Lake City. His hobbies include golfing, running marathons, skiing and reading. David has been married to his wife, the former Sherry Tharp of Glendora, for twenty-four years and they have two children, Valerie, 21 years old and Matt, 19 years old.

A collector of signed football helmets, Sherry recently surprised him with a DSU National Championship helmet signed by Coach Steve Campbell and all of the players. "I could not believe it when I saw the helmet from Delta State. I can't wait to personally thank Coach Campbell," stated Abney.

# Bailey Named MDCC President

*Bailey*

Dr. Larry Bailey, Mississippi Delta Community College's vice president for academic affairs for the past eight years, is the new president of the two-year institution.

"The MDCC Board of Trustees is excited about the selection of Dr. Bailey, and we have confidence that he will excel as compared with the other community colleges around the state," said Board Chairman Jack Harper Jr.

Upon his selection, Bailey said, "I am deeply honored to have been chosen for this position and I look forward to working with the Board of Trustees, the college's administration, faculty, and staff, and students, as well as the Delta community, in continuing to move this institution forward."

Bailey, a Leland native, earned his bachelor of business administration in management degree from Delta State in 1979 and his masters degree in management from DSU in 1984. He earned his Ph.D. in business administration from the University of Mississippi in 1998 and is currently working on a Ph.D. in community college leadership at Mississippi State University.

# Economic Educator – Earns State and National Recognition

*Vanlandingham*

Anna Ruth Vanlandingham, a Lake Mary (Fla.) High School teacher, has focused upon making her potentially dry economics classes interesting and fun and has been rewarded by being named national runner-up in Junior Achievement's national teacher of the year contest.

Vanlandingham, who has taught at Lake Mary High for 14 years, qualified for the national competition by being named Junior Achievement of Central Florida teacher of the year. Earlier this year, the Florida Council on Economic Education also named Vanlandingham as the 2001 Economic Educator of the Year.

A 1977 Delta State graduate and former girl's basketball coach at Greenville High School, Vanlandingham taught in Mississippi for five years before joining Lake Mary's staff in 1987.

# Massey Named Program Supervisor at Mississippi State Hospital

*Massey*

Angele' Taylor Massey, class of 1973, has been named Program Supervisor in Clinical Services Administration at Mississippi State Hospital. Massey, originally from Tchula, has been with the hospital for nine years. She received both her bachelor's degree in business education and a master's degree in community counseling from Delta State.

# Bradford Awarded Music Alum of the Year

*Bradford*

Larry Bradford, class of 1986, was selected as the 2001 Music Alumnus of the Year. Larry is assistant band Director and Percussion Instructor at Holmes Community College in Goodman, MS.

Bradford recently completed a masters degree in music performance at the University of Alabama.

# Alumni Profile: Malcolm Quon, Class of '83

Malcolm Y. Quon is a 1983 Distinguished Military Graduate from Delta State University with a BBA in Computer Information Systems. While at DSU, Malcolm was active in Army ROTC, Joy Fellowship, Student Court and worked as a Resident Attendant for the Dean of Men. After graduation, Malcolm served in the US Army assigned to the 2nd Armored Division. Upon leaving the Army in 1988 due to injuries on active duty, Malcolm entered into the defense industry working in business development and program management positions.

Malcolm served ten years with Honeywell Inc. working on programs dealing with smart munitions, avionics, vetronics, remote sensing satellites and finally as the International Space Station External Payload Project Leader for Life and Micro-Gravity experiments. In later years, Malcolm worked as the Director of Ground Combat and Helicopter Systems for Orbital Sciences Corporation, Fairchild Defense located in Germantown, Maryland.

*Quon*

Currently, Malcolm is the Executive Vice-President and General Manager of Vision Systems International, LLC (VSI), which is an international joint venture between Kaiser Aerospace and Electronics, a division of Rockwell Collins (San Jose, California) and Elbit Systems, Limited (Haifa, Israel). VSI is the global leader in helmet mounted cueing systems (HMCS) for fighter aircraft. HMCS allows the pilot to use the helmet's reticule to designate an air-to-air threat or an air-to-ground target by merely a turn of the head. This improves first hit capability, survivability and better situational awareness for the pilot. Key programs include the Joint Helmet Mounted Cueing System (JHMCS) that is being procured by the Department of Defense for the F/A-18, F-15, F-16 and F-22 fighters. VSI also was recently selected by Lockheed Martin's Joint Strike Fighter (JSF) team to develop the next generation HMCS. Project revenues over the next 5 years are $2 billion.

"DSU represents more than just my college degree. Both my brothers (Eric & Richard) are DSU graduates with Masters degrees as well as my mother (Sandra) who retired as a college music professor. My uncle and my aunt, Mr. John Quon and Mrs. Frieda Quon, are on DSU's staff. I even met my wife at DSU." Malcolm is married to the former Melanie Chow of Greenville, who earned her DSU nursing degree in 1985. They have two children, Mallery and Joseph and they reside in Highland Village, Texas

"My competitors in the Industry are graduates of Harvard and Yale . . . all big names schools. What makes me competitive is the individual attention I received at Delta State. Working on student court with Dean O. W. "Wig" Riley who showed me that people count just as much as rules and regulations. Teachers like Mr. Terry Everett who helped me learn to write in a meaningful way. Mr. Jerry Dallas who showed me that History is more than a bunch of dead people, it is about life itself. Ms Elizabeth Sarcone who dragged me into English Literature while forging a love to read. Because of her, I can still recite *Canterbury's Tales* in Middle English! And finally my uncle, Mr. John Quon, who provided his mentorship and guidance in ensuring I was prepared to go into the business world. I am sure many others helped chisel sensibility into me at Delta State," said Malcolm.

## Buckley Selected to Holmes Sports Hall of Fame

Kathleen Bingham Buckley, a 1951 Holmes College graduate, was a member of the Holmes basketball and tennis teams that reached the State finals. Buckley was selected to the 1951 All-State Team. Buckley graduated from Winona High School where she played on championship basketball and tennis teams.

*Buckley*

After graduating from Holmes, she attended Delta State where she was a member of the tennis team. Buckley graduated from Delta State with a degree in music education in 1954.

Buckley has continued playing tennis ranked as a 4.0 player on the Starkville team. This team has advanced to district and regional championships for the past several years.

She represented Mississippi at the 1999 Southern Senior Cup Championship in Columbus, Ga. In 1998, she was selected adult player of the year for Mississippi.

Buckley serves on the Starkville Tennis Association Board. Other activities include serving as hostess for Junior Miss and Miss Hospitality programs. She has served as a music teacher in Tennessee and Mississippi public schools for fifty years and continues to teach piano in Starkville.

Kathleen is married to Donald Buckley. They are the parents of William Donald Buckley II of Jackson, Tenn., and Dr. Robert Charles Buckley of Tupelo, and four grandchildren.

Buckley will be inducted into the Holmes Hall of Fame at an Awards Banquet on October 5, 2001. Others to be inducted include Johnny Plummer, former DSU head football coach; Billy Bowman, DSU class of '62; and Luther Kuykendall, DSU class of '71.

# Green Named to Community College Board

*Green*

Governor Ronnie Musgrove has appointed Clarksdale accountant Donald Green to a six-year term on the Mississippi Board of Community and Junior Colleges. The board oversees policies at Mississippi's 15 two-year colleges that serve more than 130,000 students.

A 1980 graduate of Delta State with a BBA in Accounting, Green is a past president of the DSU National Alumni Association and a former member of the DSU Foundation Board of Directors. In 1994 he was recognized as the recipient of the Kent Wyatt "Young Alumnus' Service Award by the University.

"Donald Green has demonstrated his commitment to education and will be a tremendous asset on the board," Musgrove said. Green represents the 2nd Congressional District.

Green is the owner of Delta Accounting Services in Clarksdale. He also serves as the fiscal officer for the Mississippi Delta Council and is the volunteer loan officer for Friendship Community Federal Credit Union. He is a board member for the Delta Association for Rural Initiatives, the Clarksdale/Coahoma County Airport and the Clarksdale/Coahoma Library.

In accepting the appointment, Green said, "This is exciting. I'm pleased that the Governor has expressed confidence in me and I'm very happy to serve."

# J. Wade Fleming, Auto Industry Leader

*(l to r) Wade, Paulette, and Dr. Potter*

J. Wade Fleming, class of 1974, is President and CEO of Automotive Products, Inc. (AP USA), and on the Automotive Products Group Ltd. Executive Board. Automotive Products Group Ltd., based in Leamington Spa, England, is a technological leader in the automotive industry supplying complete systems or individual components for transmissions and chassis applications both for original equipment and for use in the aftermarket. AP Group has 14 technical and manufacturing centers located worldwide, employing approximately 2,000 people, with annual sales exceeding $300 million in 2000.

AP USA developed pre-filled clutch hydraulic actuation systems (PFCH) to meet the needs of the North American vehicle manufacturers. The North American customer base has grown to include General Motors Corporation, Ford Motor Company, DaimlerChrysler Corporation, and Honda. PFCH is now shipped internationally to South America, Europe, the Far and the Middle East.

Located in Auburn Hills, Mich., AP USA employs approximately 300 people and supplies the Big Three auto makers with 99% of the clutch actuation systems for light truck manual transmissions, with a current annual production rate of approximately 1 million units. Total sales revenue for 2000 exceeded $70 million.

Prior to joining Automotive Products in 1985, Wade was employed with ITT-United Plastics in Drew, rising to the level of Division Manager for purchasing and materials and being responsible for five plants. In 1985, he was hired as Treasurer of AP USA, became Director of Operations in 1986, and in 1991 moved into his current position of President and CEO.

"Mr. John Yurkow was the most influential person in my life at Delta State. My father worked as the Police Chief of Drew with four children in the family. There was no money for college so I worked the second shift at ITT to pay my way. Mr. Yurkow was such a positive person and he encouraged me on a daily basis," stated Fleming.

A member of the Society of Plastics Engineers (SPE), Fleming and AP USA received the 1992 award for the "most innovative use of plastics in all of automotive powertrain" and in 2000 received the SPE Hall of Fame Award with Ford. "One goal of AP USA is to take the weight and cost out of vehicles through the innovative use of plastics. We have numerous patents on the uses we have invented," stated Fleming.

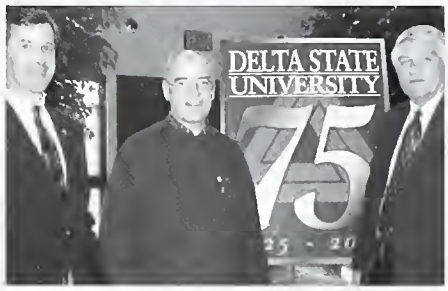
Fleming and his wife, Paulette Brown, who earned her B.S.E. in 1975 and M.Ed. in 1979, are very involved with Promise Village Home for Children in Davisburg, Mich., a 70-acre residential treatment ranch that uses animal-assisted therapy in helping neglected and abused children. "Promise Village serves children ages 7-17 who need a place to feel secure, experience love, and grow spiritually, emotionally, and physically. Fleming is Chairman of the Promise Village Board of Directors. "Two of our most notable board members are Art Linkletter and Mort Crim. Our website address is www.promisevillage.com," stated Fleming.

Fleming, an ordained deacon, is a member of the Troy Baptist Church where he serves on the Board of Trustees.

Paulette initiated the program "Helping One Student To Succeed" (H.O.S.T.S), which has been instituted within the Troy School District. Paulette also serves as a trustee on the Troy Board of Education.

They are the parents of James Mark, a student at Central Michigan University.

# Cwikiel Speaks to Accounting Majors




*Steve Cwikiel (center) stopped by the Hugh Ellis Walker Alumni Foundation to visit with Keith Fulcher, (left) Director of Development, and Dr. Don A. Skelton, (right) Assoc. Vice President for University Advancement*

Steve Cwikiel has been with Federal Express as a Senior Computer Auditor for 17 years. He earned his B.S. degree in 1969 and an MBA in 1975 from Delta State University and is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), a Certified Internal Auditor (CIA), and a Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA). Steve is active in the Memphis chapter activities for both the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) and the Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA). He and his wife, Paula, live in Memphis, Tenn. He is the father of two children, Christie and Ted, and has three grandchildren.

Steve is a member of both the DSU Alumni Association and the DSU Pi Kappa Alpha Alumni Association.

"I would have to say that academically John Yurkow and Jim Tansey influenced me as professors and H. L. Nowell and Mac McRaney influenced me as administrative members of the university," said Steve. He spoke to Delta State's Student Accountants and Business Administrators Club on March 22 and shared with them the path he took in the accounting profession.

# DSU Produces State's Top Administrator and Teacher

*Moore*

The reputation of Delta State's College of Education has always been regarded as "the best" and this year's selection of the state's top school administrator and teacher serves as continuing evidence.

Dr. Janice Neill Dean, principal of Matty Akin Elementary in Greenville, has been named the 2001 Mississippi Administrator of the Year and Tupelo administrator John M. Curlee has been named the alternate. After earning both bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Mississippi, Dean received her doctoral degree in education from Delta State in 1990. Curlee, who has served in his present position as principal of Tupelo High School, earned his bachelor of science in education degree from Delta State in 1971 and his masters in education from the University of Mississippi.

Renee A. Moore, an English and journalism teacher at Broad Street High School in Shelby has earned the honor of being Mississippi's 2001 Teacher of the Year. In receiving this honor, Moore bested finalists chosen from each of Mississippi's congressional districts.

"It's a great honor," said Moore, a Detroit native. She received her bachelor of science in education from Delta State University in 1990 and her masters in education from Middlebury College in Vermont.

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# Rex M. Deloach
## Outstanding Alumnus

Rex M. Deloach of Oxford will be honored at the Alumni Association's Homecoming Luncheon on October 27 as the University's Outstanding Alumnus for 2001.

Born in Carroll County, Deloach attended Delta State from 1954 to 1957. Following a four-year tour of duty with the U. S. Navy, he earned his Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Memphis State University in 1963.

Deloach began his professional career with the Memphis office of Touche Ross Company in 1963, received his CPA in 1965 and was with the company for fifteen years, serving the last two years as a managing partner.

In 1978 Deloach was named manager of Arthur Andersen LLP in Memphis. He served as a managing partner for Arthur Andersen from 1980 to 1993 when he was named a senior partner, serving in that capacity until his retirement in 1997.

During his tenure with Arthur Andersen, Deloach served as engagement partner for a variety of companies from start-ups to large multi-national, including Federal Express Corporation, First Tennessee National Corporation, The Promus Company and others. He actively participated in firm-wide activities, including strategy development and supervision of training, etc. and was responsible for the company's Memphis and Little Rock offices. Deloach's professional experiences have included extensive work with more than 100 securities offerings, mergers and acquisitions from smaller companies to $1 billion plus, and he has managed or provided consulting services in connection with systems, financials transactions, litigation support and a number of special projects.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, Deloach has been active in civic and service organizations. He was President of the Shelby County Health and Educational Facilities Board, President of the Volunteer Park on Mud Island, a member of the Executive Committee of the Memphis Area Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Board of Advisors of the University of Memphis. In 1992 he was the recognized as the Distinguished Alumnus of the Year for the Fogelman College of Business and Economics at the University of Memphis.

Deloach also served as a member and as President of the Delta State University Foundation Board. In that capacity - through his generosity and leadership - he was a major driving force behind the university's first major fundraising campaign, a successful effort that resulted in private gifts to the university in excess of $10 million.

In 1997, at the request of Chancellor Robert Khayat, Deloach accepted the position of Interim Vice Chancellor of Administration and Finance at the University of Mississippi, a position he held for two years.

Deloach and his wife Ruthann Ray reside in Oxford where he is Vice President for The Oxford Company, a privately owned company engaged in management and financial consulting, and litigation support. Other members of his family reside in Mississippi with his son Marc living in Taylor while his father, Governor Deloach, and brothers, Wiley and Gerald, a DSU graduate, live in Clarksdale. - **DSU**

# Association Names Alumni Service Award Winners

Chris Kelley, president of the DSU Alumni Association has announced that the following are to be recognized with service awards at the Association's Homecoming Luncheon on October 27.

Selected as the recipient of the Hugh Ellis Walker Alumni Service Award is Betty Lynn Cameron ('69), executive director of the Greenville Chamber of Commerce. Cameron has worked diligently as a volunteer for Delta State through the years, most recently serving as Marketing Coordinator and member of the Advisory Board for the effort to build the Greenville Higher Education Center.

*Betty Lynn Cameron*

A former Miss Delta State, Cameron is a past president of the DSU Washington County Alumni Chapter and a director with the Delta State University Alumni Association Board. She was recognized with the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Washington County Chapter in 2000.

Patricia (Pat) Tibbs of Cleveland has been chosen to receive the Gloylys Castle "Friends of Delta State" Service Award, presented annually to a non-alumnus. A native of Louisiana, Tibbs received her R.N. certification from Touro Hospital in New Orleans, Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Tulane University, and Master of Science in Nursing from University Medical Center in Jackson.

Tibbs has devoted much of her time and energy through service as a volunteer for numerous community and university projects, including serving as a member and past president of Friends of the Library and various committees in support of the Bologna Performing Arts Center.

*Patricia Tibbs*

The recipient of the Kent Wyatt Young Alumnus Service Award is Brad Prewitt a native of Greenville. A 1990 DSU graduate, Prewitt earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and French. He was a Presidential Scholar and received the First Diploma for the highest academic average in his graduating class. He received his Juris Doctor, cum laude, from the University of Mississippi School of Law in May of 1993.

Following graduation, Prewitt practiced as a defense trial lawyer in Pascagoula (Ms). He moved to Washington, D.C. in 1995 where he worked as a Legislative Assistant on the personal staff of Senator Thad Cochran (R-MS). Today, he serves as chief counsel to Senator Cochran, handling all office legal matters and directing appropriations matters for a number of departments.

*Brad Prewitt*

An enthusiastic and avid worker for Delta State, Prewitt currently serves as a member of the Delta State Alumni Association Board of Directors. - **DSU**

***Come join us in honoring the classes of: '31, '41, '51, '61, '71' '81, '91, '01***

# Homecoming Schedule

**Friday, October 26**

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| 10:30 a.m. | DSU Foundation Board Meeting-Alumni/Foundation House |
| 12:00 noon | Alumni and Foundation Board Luncheon-Alumni/Foundation House |
| 1:30 p.m. | DSU Alumni Board Meeting-Alumni/Foundation House |
| 4:00 p.m. | DSU Homecoming Parade |
| 5:30 p.m. | Golden Circle 50 Year Reunion & Dinner-Cleveland Country Club |

**Saturday, October 27**

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| 8:30 a.m. | Accounting Alumni Breakfast-Union Sunset Room |
| 9:00-11:30 | Alumni Registration-1st Floor Lobby in the H.L. Nowell Union |
| 9:00-11:30 | Koffee Klatch-2nd Floor West Lobby in the H.L. Nowell Union (Honoring the classes of 1931,1941, 1951, 1961, 1971, 1981, 1991) |
| 10:00 | Black Alumni Association Reunion-2nd Floor East Lobby |
| 10:30 | Renaissance Entertainment-Front of H.L. Nowell Union |
| 10:30 | Athletic Alumni Association Meeting-Union 3rd Floor |
| 11:00 | Pep Rally with DSU Cheerleaders & Band-Front of H.L. Nowell Union |
| 11:00-1:00 | DSU Cheerleaders Fish Fry-Shumate Park |
| 12:00 | DSU Alumni Homecoming Luncheon honoring Outstanding Alumnus & Service Award recipients-H.L. Nowell State Room |
| 1:30-3:00 | Class Reunion Gathering for 1931 & 1941 Alumni and Friends-Alumni/Foundation House |
| 3:00 p.m. | DSU Football vs. Central Arkansas and Halftime Show and the crowning of the DSU Homecoming Queen - Parker Field |

**Sunday, October 28**

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| 8:30 a.m. | Alumni Breakfast-Delta State University Cafeteria |

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# Pam Mathews

## Reflections of her art color her life

*by Lana Lawrence Draper*

Pam Mathews, the wife of Delta State's sixth president David Potter, and first lady of the University, has already developed some strong emotional roots in the fertile Mississippi Delta since arriving in Cleveland two years ago. Although she was born in Maryland, Pam is the daughter of two Mississippians…her father from Vicksburg and her mother from Hattiesburg.

"My father was Managing Editor of the *Jackson Daily News* and later was Administrative Aide to Senator John Stennis," Pam explains. "Mother worked with the Mississippi Republican Party and with Senator James Eastland on the Senate Judiciary Committee."

Having parents who were both heavily involved in political arenas at the state and national levels, one might expect that Pam also would be drawn to the exciting world of politics. However, she lost no time in discovering her own passion at the young age of eight when she took her first art lessons. She would later receive a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Painting and Printmaking from Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond. Today, a practicing artist who has added metal sculpture to her list of creative pursuits, art is still at the center of Pam's life. Her creativity and talent are still evolving, serving as a catalyst for positive change not only in the Delta's physical environment, but also in its intellectual and cultural environment.

"My art has always been affected by the place I live and places we have visited," Pam notes. "I think art helps us to understand and connect to our natural surroundings and opens us to the ways in which people relate to that environment. At its best, it expresses a spiritual relationship," she explains.

"David and I recently returned from a hiking trip to the Southwest," Pam continues. "We are drawn to the starkness, power and beauty of the high desert area. Here in the Delta I have been struck by the power of the landscape and the emotional connection between people and the land. Deltans have an unusually strong sense of place and the history of the region is one of meeting the challenges of a sometimes harsh

environment," she notes. "The social complexities of the Delta seem related to the region's ecology."

"Art is a powerful tool that can transcend all differences," says Pam. "My background in art and commitment to promoting art fit nicely with the University's interest in being a cultural center for our region. The Bologna Center was the original impetus for making the arts available to people in this area, and now we hope to extend that idea to include all art forms," Pam continues.

*Pam at work in her painting studio.*

One way art is being introduced into the campus environment is through the creation of a biennial sculpture competition. Plans are under way for establishing a formal sculpture garden, an arboretum and nature enter on the Delta State campus. The new Delta Center for Culture and Learning will also provide opportunities for cultural enrichment, celebrating the history, people and traditions of the Delta.

"These initiatives will bring artists to our campus, create research and learning experiences and enrich the curriculum and campus life," Pam adds. "They will provide a means for greater understanding of this unique place, and these resources will benefit residents and bring visitors to the region."

***"I was initially drawn to painting landscapes because I was very struck by the power of the environment and the relative smallness of people by comparison. My style of painting has become more abstract over the years. I would categorize my current work as abstract with references to the landscape."***

Pam is also excited about another new initiative in which art is finding its way out of the studio and into the classroom—the "Whole Schools" program. It is a project of the Mississippi Arts Commission that encourages the integration of the arts into curricula at the elementary and middle school levels. The program is intended to use the arts as a vehicle for learning in all subjects.

"I'm extremely enthusiastic about working as a field advisor for the Whole Schools initiative," Pam notes. "I believe it will provide the opportunity for every child in our region not only to be educated but also to understand their individual creative potential."

*Actor Morgan Freeman visits with Pam and Dr. Potter at a Bologna Performing Arts Center event.*

Delta State recently hosted a statewide program to train teachers in using the Whole School concept and techniques. It was the first of a series of week-long institutes to bring consultants and artists from across the country to the campus to participate in this landmark program. In addition to the larger initiatives, Pam is also interested in the establishment of an annual symposium devoted to recognizing the many strengths and complexities of Delta women.

*Pam and Dr. Potter, both lovers of the outdoors, enjoy hiking in the region of Canyon de Chelly, Ariz.*

"I've been fascinated with the women I've met in the Delta," Pam expressed in an interview published in the *Delta Democrat-Times*. "There are and have been many remarkable women, here, and we should find a way to celebrate that."

Pam, herself, is a woman who embraces many roles ...that of daughter, who speaks fondly of her mother, Vivian, now 93 and living in Jackson...and proud mother of two daughters, Elizabeth, 29, who, with her husband Joe, is a lawyer practicing in San Diego, and Holly, 24, who is attending Fletcher School of International Diplomacy at Tufts University...and of wife who wholeheartedly supports her husband's ambitious vision of Delta State's future.

Pam speaks passionately about how her involvement in cultural and educational programs has helped her to learn about the Delta and understand the unique challenges and opportunities the University faces.

"I think the Delta has great promise and it is our responsibility to help achieve a brighter future for our communities," says Pam. "We hope to bring people together to find ways of strengthening our region. We are trying to begin a dialogue about the common concerns of people in the Delta through Food for Thought, a biracial conversation of community leaders," she adds.

***"Art is a powerful tool that can transcend all differences,"***

"I feel very fortunate to be in a community of incredible people who support David and me personally and are dedicated to the well-being of this community and success of the University," Pam says. "For David and me, it's a great chance to make a contribution." - **DSU**

*Pam with Jutta and John Ferretti of Shelby at a Bologna Performing Arts Center "Patrons Party."*

# Delta State University Foundation Board Meeting

The quarterly meeting of the Delta State University Foundation Board of Directors was held on June 22, 2001. Foundation Board President, Ned Mitchell, welcomed two new members to the thirty-member Board, Dr. Patsy Thrash of Evanston, Ill. and Mr. F. Murray Robinson of Scott, Miss. Dr. Thrash, a 1950 graduate of Delta State, is Executive Director Emeritus of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. In 1970 she was named as Delta State's "Outstanding Alumnus." Mr. Robinson, Chief Executive Officer for the Scott-based Delta and Pine Land, is filling an unexpired term due to the death of former CEO, Roger Malkin.

The Foundation Board of Directors was formed in 1967 with a $100 check from Dr. James Ewing who made the gift to Coach Dave "Boo" Ferriss with the words, "Here's a gift to the Delta State Foundation. Now go and start one." Under the leadership of Coach Ferriss, Hugh Ellis Walker, and current Foundation Director, Dr. Don A. Skelton, the Foundation has increased the University endowment to $10 million, awarded $134,548 in privately funded scholarships in 2000, supplemented the University budget for $443,929, and provided $35,000 through the Kent and Janice Wyatt Faculty Development Fund. The Foundation concluded its largest ever campaign for private support in December 1999 with $11.7 million in gifts and pledges - 240 percent over the campaign goal of $5 million. **DSU**

*Dr. Patsy Thrash and Ned Mitchell, Board President*

*Left – (l to r) Dr. Don Skelton, Associate VP for University Advancement, with Board members, Bonnie Blackmon of Little Rock, Caroline Gaines of Cleveland, and Charles Weissinger of Rolling Fork*

*Left – (l to r) Dave "Boo" Ferriss, former Executive Director of the Foundation, with Board members, Russell Stewart of Anguilla and Mike Neyman of North Carolina*

*Murray F. Robinson, CEO, Delta & Pine Land*

*Right – (l to r) Board members Alex Malouf of Greenwood, Carolyn Manning of Greenwood, and Jeff Ross Capwell of Memphis.*

*For a complete list of Board members see page 3.*

# First Davidson Scholar Graduates

*(l to r) Dr. Stacy Davidson, Van Devender, and Fay Spruill Davidson*

Karen Ann Van Devender of Union, the first recipient of the prestigious Davidson Family Scholarship, graduated in May 2001 after completing her degree in three years at Delta State University. In 1996, Dr. and Mrs. L. Stacy Davidson of Cleveland, sons, John Stacy and Friley, established a $300,000 liberal arts scholarship, which included tuition, fees, room, board, and a book allowance. The scholarship covers the entire annual cost of attending Delta State estimated at $7,000.

Van Devender was the inaugural recipient and represented the Davidsons well, as she was involved in the Delta State Band, the Delta Jazz Band, Wind Ensemble, Saxophone Quartet, and Delta Chorale singing group. She was a four time member of the "President's List", the highest academic honor possible. Karen was a member of Phi Kappa Phi, a national honor society comprised of students in the upper 5-10% of their class, Pi Kappa Lambda, the national music honor society, Phi Eta Sigma, freshman honor society, and Omicron Delta Kappa, a national leadership honor society. She was a member of the Delta Diplomats, a charter member of the Statesman Fellows program, and a member of the Music Department's Student Advisory Committee.

Karen completed her B.A. degree in music and earned a minor in French. She completed her education with a 3.93 GPA. Karen plans to earn a masters degree in music therapy from Florida State University. She plans to be a music therapist working with people who have communication disorders.

"I would not have been able to go to college if not for the Davidson Scholarship. It meant everything to me and took a lot of financial stress off of my family and allowed me to concentrate on my studies," said Karen. "I graduated in only three years because the Davidsons paid for me to go to summer school and I entered college with 15 hours of ACT credit."

Dr. Davidson stated, "The purpose of our scholarship is to attract to Delta State University a high caliber person with outstanding academic standards. My family and I could not be more pleased with the selection of Karen as the first recipient, and we are extremely proud to see her graduate."

Davidson, an ophthalmologist, has practiced medicine in Cleveland since 1967. He chose to practice in Cleveland since it was near his home of Pope, and Mrs. Davidson's home in Belzoni. - **DSU**

# Bryce Griffis Baseball Practice Center Dedicated

*Coach Mike Kinnison (left) joins Coach Dave "Boo" Ferriss (right) in presenting Bryce Griffis, former Delta State football and baseball athlete and 1954 graduate, with a photograph of the Bryce Griffis Baseball Practice Center at the center's dedication ceremonies on June 6.*

With a large crowd on hand that included many former players, the Bryce Griffis Baseball Practice Center was dedicated in a ceremony at Ferriss Field on June 6, 2001. The facility, one of the few indoor baseball practice centers in the nation, was on display after the ceremony followed by a reception in the Hugh Ellis Walker Alumni Foundation House.

Griffis, of Starkville, a 1954 Delta State graduate and a three-year letterman, made a lead gift to the construction of the center and also established an endowment to help maintain the facility. President and owner of Sturgis Lumber Company, Griffis established an Endowment Fund in 1993 to provide monies to fulfill departmental and student needs, and in 1999 created an endowment for the College of Business. In 1996, he was recognized as the University's Outstanding Alumnus.

Griffis was appointed to a twelve-year term as a Trustee with the Institutions of Higher Learning from 1980 to 1992, serving as president in 1986-87. He was re-appointed to the IHL Board in 2000 and presently serves as Vice President.

"When you come back, after all these years, and see the tremendous progress that has been made, it thrills me that I can give back a little," Griffis said. "I received an excellent education at Delta State, and it has helped me to have some measure of success. I am happy to help this great institution and consider it a real honor to have my name associated with the rich tradition of Delta State baseball."

Financing for the $600,000 facility was almost entirely by private support from former players, alumni, and friends of the University. Former Coach Dave "Boo" Ferriss, who spearheaded the three-year campaign, said "our drive received a good start with a $35,000 commitment from the 1977 World Series team, and it is certainly gratifying that former players, coaches, and managers contributed 70 percent of the funding. We are greatly appreciative of the overwhelming support of the project."

The 100' x 100' practice area turf is the same as that which is used by the Tampa Bay Devil Rays Baseball Club and the University of Nebraska. Other facility features include two batting cages controlled by electronic devices for raising and lowering, a DSU baseball memorabilia room, and a donor recognition display in the foyer.

Delta State head coach Mike Kinnison views the facility as a tremendous asset to the baseball program, particularly in recruiting and player development. "The greatest thing about the center is how much support we've gotten from players and friends of Delta State baseball. It's a wonderful feeling to see the interest and respect that so many people have for the program," said Kinnison. - **DSU**

# Glenn K. Brown – A Special Alum

Glenn K. Brown, 1982 graduate, has made a gift to the Delta State University Foundation every month since 1997. Glenn has made monthly gifts to support five funds, the Martha Miles History Award, William Cash History Award, Sammy Crawford History Teacher Award, Leola G. Williams Award, and the William LaForge Award.

As Executive Director of the North Delta Planning and Development District, Inc., (NDPDD) Glenn promotes the multi-county approach to planning economic and community development projects in Northwest Mississippi counties of Coahoma, DeSoto, Panola, Quitman, Tallahatchie, Tate, and Tunica. The main focus of NDPDD is to develop good houses, good jobs, adequate health care and well-educated people who may be productive citizens enjoying the rich cultural heritage of the Delta.

In 1996, Glenn served as a representative to the "Building Communities in the Lower Mississippi Delta" initiative sponsored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The initiative was based on building partnerships and collaboration to address the poverty found in the Mississippi Delta. He is a member of the Housing Committee with the Tunica County Housing Department, the Granting Opportunities for Learning Development (GOLD) Advisory Board in Southaven, and the Aaron E. Henry Community Health Services Center, Inc., Delta Area Rural Transit System Advisory Board Member in Clarksdale.

While at Delta State, Glenn was a student senator and president pro tempore of the student senate. He was inducted into Gamma Mu, an international Social Science Honor Society, and Phi Alpha Theta, a national History honor society. He earned his B.A. degree in political science and history and has since earned an M.A. in history from Mississippi State, a M.P.A. in public administration from the University of Mississippi, and is a Ph.D. candidate in political science at the University of Mississippi. He has been a Fellow with the United States Information Agency, Foreign Service Orientation program in Washington, D.C. and a Graduate Fellow at Mississippi State University.

*Glenn Brown*

Glenn lives in Memphis with his three sons Christopher, Sean Ryan, and Matthew. - **DSU**

# Aureola Boyd Makes $100,000 Gift

*Dr. Potter and Mrs. Boyd*

Aureola Young Boyd of Cleveland, in thanksgiving for what she received some 70 years ago as a college student, has made a $100,000 gift to Delta State University.

Mrs. Boyd married Clarke E. Boyd in 1941 and in 1949 they found their way to Delta State College where Clarke taught English for one year. Due to the outbreak of war in Korea, Clarke's position was eliminated due to the severe drop in enrollment. However, he quickly found work in Cleveland at the State Employment Service where he worked until his death in 1973.

Aureola began work at Baxter Healthcare in 1950 when the company first opened its doors in Cleveland. She retired in 1977 after a 27-year career with the firm.

A native of El Paso, Texas, Boyd moved to Hibbing, Minn., when she was eight. Her father died when she was only 15 months old and her mother remarried 11 years later.

In the seventh grade, amid the publicity of Marie Curie's receiving the Nobel Prize, Boyd decided she wanted to be a chemist. "I graduated from Hibbing High School and I remember trying to sign up for a chemistry class. I got stuck on and said I'm going to be a chemist. One of the teachers who objected to a girl signing up for chemistry said, 'But that's chemistry!' I said 'If the boys can take it so can I.' My mother had to finally go to the school and say that she approved," said Mrs. Boyd. "I believe if students have an interest in a particular area they should be encouraged."

After graduation from high school, her stepfather strongly suggested she attend the University of Michigan for two reasons: coeds were not allowed to smoke, and it had a good reputation for chemistry. "I was set to go to the University of Minnesota and my stepfather heard a news report of coeds smoking on campus. He said, 'You won't be going there!' So I ended up at the University of Michigan and he never knew that smoking was allowed there also."

At the time, Boyd's parents were not in a financial position to pay for education due to the economic situation of that day. Boyd's only financial source was a $500 gift from her grandmother and her own work ethic.

Being the self-determined person she is, Boyd went to see the Dean of Women who helped her secure a job as a "cloakroom girl" for weekend dances at the Masonic Lodge where she earned $10 a night. "I washed dishes, scrubbed floors, and cleaned for faculty members. I lived with Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Pickering for years and did everything for them, but babysit.

Also she worked in the university library where she could explore her love for knowledge. She met her future husband, Clark, in the library and recalls "I asked him how much longer he was going to be in the library. I needed to study," stated Mrs. Boyd. "That's how we met." Mrs. Boyd also worked in The Liberty restaurant during the early morning breakfast shift and after she left her night job at the library. "In college towns people don't tip much," Mrs. Boyd recalls of her days as a waitress.

Additionally, her trigonometry professor recognized her talent in math and helped her secure a tutoring position for freshmen. This helped her earn 50 cents an hour.

Through these two jobs, Boyd was able to work her way for nine years through the University of Michigan where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Education and a Certificate of Teaching in 1933.

"I would have liked to have been a straight-A student, but I was so busy working for my room and board," said Mrs. Boyd, who taught in rural schools near Ann Arbor, Mich. "I remember how it was when I was a needy student in 1933. I always said that if I could I would help other needy students attend college. I really enjoyed going to college. I often look back and say 'How did I do all that!'"

Now 71 years later, her goal of helping needy and deserving students is being realized. "Life is wonderful. I know. I'm 93 years old," said Mrs. Boyd.

Following her retirement, Boyd began traveling the world to Kenya, Greece, Italy, England, Canada, China, Australia and Alaska.

Boyd lives in Cleveland where she is a member of the Calvary Episcopal Church. - **DSU**

# Spradling and Elliott Lecture Halls Named

*(l to r) Ed Williams, Henry Outlaw, Dr. Mary Elliott and Dr. Bobby Elliott.*

*(l to r) Dean and Joyce Spradling, Henry Outlaw and Ed Williams.*

Delta State University President David Fetter announced recently that the two lecture halls in B.L. Caylor Hall, have been named for J. Dean Spradling of Clarksdale, and Drs. Robert L. and Mary C. Elliott of Baton Rouge, La., in recognition and honor of their dedicated service and support of the sciences.

The three are former "Alumni of the Year" at Delta State, with Spradling earning the honor in 1993 and the Elliotts in 1994. Spradling also received the Hugh Ellis Walker Alumni Service Award in 1999. Caylor Hall Lecture Room 105 has been dedicated as the J. Dean Spradling Lecture Hall, while Room 205 has been dedicated as the Robert L. and Mary C. Elliott Lecture Hall.

Spradling, a native of Itawamba County, earned his bachelor's of science degree in Biology in 1952. He is the founder and owner of Infolab, Inc., headquartered in Clarksdale. Infolab employs more than 200 employees and operates in 20 states. The company, established in 1968, sells and distributes laboratory equipment and supplies to medical facilities, academic institutions, and private industry.

"In honor of one of his mentors, Dr. Jesse White, Mr. Spradling was instrumental in the $100,000 fund drive to endow the Dr. Jesse White Scholarship in 1989," said Dr. Ed Williams, chair of the Delta State Biological Sciences Department said. "Mr. Spradling funded the acquisition of a 30-acre natural springs area near Doherry for use as an outdoor laboratory by the biology faculty and their students. He has also made numerous gifts of equipment to the Biological and Physical Sciences Departments.

"Dean was instrumental in the initiation and success of the recently completed $10.7 Campaign for Delta State University through a challenge gift that he made to establish a $2 million endowment for the sciences at DSU," Williams added. "Words cannot express the enormous impact that Dean Spradling's forward vision and generosity has had and will have for years to come on our science programs and Delta State University in general. Honoring him by renaming the Caylor 105 auditorium The Spradling Lecture Hall is just a small acknowledgement of our appreciation."

Spradling's early professional years were spent as a medical technologist and teaching supervisor at the School of Medical Technology at Gorhoma County Hospital in Clarksdale.

Dr. Bobby Elliott, a 1952 graduate, and wife Dr. Mary "Kay Kay" Elliott, a 1963 graduate, are the founders and directors of the Elliott Mastology Center in Baton Rouge. The Center is noted for its breast cancer research, particularly for its use of iron metabolism in the treatment of breast cancer. In 1991, The Elliotts initiated the "Elliott Program for Excellence" in the sciences, which includes the annual Elliott-White-Nowell Science Symposium, Research Fellowship program at the Elliott Mastology Center, and Elliott Scholars that provides full scholarships for select students who maintain a 3.5 GPA while majoring in the sciences.

"The Elliotts have given our students a broader view of the medical research professions and the opportunity to work side by side with some of the top researchers in the world," stated Dr. Henry Outlaw, chair of the physical science department. "The benefits the students get from being right on the cutting edge of the latest and working with the pioneers in medical research gives them a new way of viewing life."

"I want to be help perpetuate the legacy of Delta State University as a school that helps the individual student to grow personally as well as academically and professionally. I want to give something back to Delta State and to light a fire in today's students in the same manner that a fire was lit in me by those who influenced my life when I was a student at Delta State," stated Dr. Bobby Elliott. Bobby and Kay Kay, natives of Greenville, served as the National Co-Chairs for the $10.7 million Campaign for Delta State. - **DSU**

# Charlene Boyd Memorial Scholarship Established

*Charlene Boyd*

Charlene Boyd began Delta State Teachers' College at the age of 15 and graduated at the age of 60. Her educational journey is one of encouragement, hope, and inspiration to all young people who are struggling financially to earn a college degree.

Charlene was enrolled at Delta State Teachers' College as a freshman in the 1930s during the Great Depression. The Depression forced her to drop out of school and go to work, but she never gave up her desire to obtain her college diploma. She returned to Delta State College in 1971, forty years after leaving due to the Depression, and graduated in 1974 with a BSA in Accounting, and minor in Economics. Her desire to continue her education continued when at the age of 65 she returned to Delta State in 1987 to take two courses that allowed her to earn her license as a real estate broker.

Charlene worked for several companies as an accountant, including the Shelby Clinic and Corso Distributing Company in Clarksdale. "Ms. Boyd worked as the bookkeeper for my father in the late 50's and 60's. She was real sweet, very intelligent, and well thought of by our family and her co-workers," said Al Corso, Jr.

Born in 1913 in Eutota, she was the daughter of the late Charles S. Boyd, Sr. and Nancy Almond Boyd and a graduate of Tunica County High School. In Clarksdale Charlene was a member of the Open Study Club, United Methodist Women Club, and St. Paul's United Methodist Church. She died on March 22, 1993, in Clarksdale where she had lived for fifty years.

Charles S. Boyd has established a scholarship in memory of his sister, Charlene. "Perhaps Charlene's life story will be an encouragement to some of Delta State's current students who cannot now complete their college education", stated Mr. Boyd. "She would be pleased to know that a scholarship in her name aided some deserving person achieve their dream to complete college." Mr. Boyd, a member of the class of 1941 at Delta State, is a retired Vice President with Chevron's Overseas Petroleum Company and lives with his wife, Dorothy, in Walnut Creek, Calif.

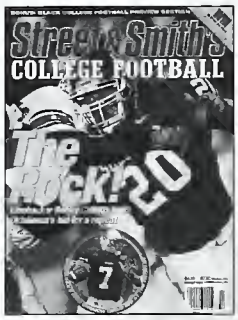
In addition to making outright gifts to the Foundation, which are matched through the Chevron Matching Gift Program, Mr. Boyd has established a Charitable Remainder Unitrust with Delta State University named as a beneficiary.

"The combination of our gifts and the Chevron's matching grants will help grow the principal of the scholarship fund," stated Boyd.

Mr. Boyd, a student at Delta State at the outbreak of World War II, on December 9, 1941, hitchhiked to Memphis with Dr. Charlie Coffman, class of 1943, and joined the Marines in which he served for four years. After WWII Mr. Boyd entered the University of Mississippi where he earned his degree in Business. His brother, John William Boyd, also attended Delta State for one year around 1932. Both were members of the football team. - **DSU**

# STATESMEN PRESEASON PICKED #1 AND READY FOR THE CHALLENGE

*By Fred Sington*
*DSU Sports Information Director*




*Street & Smith's College Football* magazine has named Delta State as the team to beat by ranking the Statesmen #1 in the nation in its preseason poll.

"While this is certainly an honor, I've told the guys that last year doesn't mean anything," Coach Steve Campbell said. "They realize what it took to get us here and they know that hard work pays off in the end."

It seems like yesterday that Delta State University climbed to the top of the hill, capping a 14-1 season with a 63-34 victory over Bloomsburg University for the NCAA Division II National Championship. Along the way the Statesmen captured a share of the Gulf South Conference title for the second time in three seasons as well as the NCAA South Region title.

The 2001 season brings on new challenges for the Statesmen leaving no opportunity to dwell on the 2000 accomplishments. DSU returns 13 starters and 36 lettermen entering the 2001 season but will need to fill openings in the secondary, defensive line, receiver and slot back areas.

### OFFENSE

Delta State's offense packed a powerful punch in 2000, ranking 1st in rushing (309.6 yds. per game), 2nd in scoring offense (40.4 pts. per game), and 2nd in total offense (478.5 yds. per game) in the Gulf South Conference. A strong returning nucleus that includes six starters has first-year offensive coordinator Cody Gross and head coach Steve Campbell optimistic.

The one-two punch of quarterback Josh Bright and fullback Rico McDonald return along with All-American guard Chris Booker. Bright had a banner year in 2000, rushing for 1,495 yards and passing for 1,428 yards on the way to winning the Charles Conerly Award and the Mississippi Amateur Athlete of the Award. He also scored 21 touchdowns, setting new school and conference records. McDonald complimented Bright, rushing for a school and GSC record 1,637 yards for a per game average of 109.1 yards and scored 18 touchdowns.

### DEFENSE

Defensively, Delta State returns five starters from last year's unit that finished 1st in rush defense (91.3), 2nd in total defense (328.9 yds. per game) and 2nd in scoring defense (22.4 pts. per game) in the GSC. The Statesmen also led the nation with 63 sacks and were fifth in rush defense.

The linebacking corps should be the strong suit of the defense as Jerrod Beckett (76 tackles) and Jamal Johnson (91 tackles) return to anchor the defense. Second-year defensive coordinator Gwaine Mathews has the task of filling holes left on the defensive line and secondary. Clayton Moseley is the lone returning starter in the defensive line after posting 33 tackles and six sacks in 2000. Travis Stephenson (So. FS), Shelton Belton (So. CB), Derrick Pittman (Sr. CB), Tedderick Polk (Sr. OLB) and Jamie Washington (Sr. OLB) enter the fall as the starters in the secondary.

### SPECIAL TEAMS

Blake Koenigsberger and Keith Pate are the two returning starters on special teams and are being counted on to handle the kicking duties. John Weaver, a Hinds C.C. transfer, is expected to be the punter.

### THE SCHEDULE

The schedule is certainly one to the Statesmen's liking as six of its 10 scheduled games are to be played on Parker Field. Opening the year, the Statesmen entertain Division I-AA foe Mississippi Valley State on Sept. 8. The following week (Sept. 15) Delta State opens GSC play versus the University of West Alabama with other homes dates scheduled against Valdosta State, Southern Arkansas, Central Arkansas and Arkansas Tech.

## Buckles Joins Football Staff

*Buckles*

Carlton Buckles has joined the Statesmen football staff as its defensive secondary coach. Buckles comes to Delta State from LSU where he was an assistant coach for the past two years, serving under Gerry DiNardo (1999) and Nick Saben (2000).

Prior to his tenure at LSU, Buckles spent five years coaching and teaching at the prep level. He taught special education and was the defensive coordinator, defensive secondary and track coach at Hammond High School in Hammond, La. From 1996 to1999.

A two-time All-State selection at Amite (La.) High School, Buckles had an outstanding collegiate career as a defensive back at LSU from 1988 to 1992. During that period he returned five interceptions for touchdowns and voted Team Captain and Special Teams Most Valuable Player in 1991.

Buckles graduated from LSU with a bachelor of arts degree in General Studies in 1992 and later earned his master's degree in Vocational Education from LSU in 2000.

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| SEPT. 22 | North Alabama* | Florence, AL | 7 PM |
| SEPT. 29 | Harding University* | Searcy, AR | 7 PM |
| OCT. 6 | Valdosta State* | Cleveland | 7 PM |
| OCT. 13 | Southern Arkansas* | Cleveland | 7 PM |
| OCT. 20 | Henderson State* | Arkadelphia, AR | 3 PM |
| OCT. 27 | Central Arkansas* (HC) | Cleveland | 3 PM |
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# Will Changes Affect DSU Football?

*By David Johnson*
*Bolivar Commercial Sports Editor*

Change has been the watchword for the Delta State football program since winning its first national championship in December of last year.

Three offensive assistants and one defensive coach have moved on to other jobs. Gone are last year's offensive coordinator, running backs coach, wide receivers coach and defensive backs coach. Coordinator Mark Hudspeth and running backs coach Chad Huff left for the major college ranks of Navy, wide receiver coach Ben McEllwain departed for Southeastern Oklahoma and defensive backs coach Donald Dykes now is at Fort Valley State.

*Matheus & Campbell*

The Statesmen offense, led by Conerly Trophy winner Josh Bright at quarterback, rewrote the school record book a season ago and set several national championship game records. Remarkably, head coach Steve Campbell, who handles the offensive line himself, is the lone returning offensive coach from that staff.

"Two years ago when we came in, we had all new offensive coaches, and they were able to pick up the system quickly," Campbell said. "It just makes for a summer of study."

Hired to fill those voids were Cody Gross as offensive coordinator, Carlton Buckles as defensive backs coach and Lee Hollifield as receivers coach. Keith Boone, who coached linebackers last year, will move over to the offensive side of the ball to coach the running backs.

Campbell said a head coach expects to see his assistants climb the rungs of the career ladder following a highly successful season.

"It's part of it," he related. "You expect it, and as a head coach, you're always real happy when your guys move up."

*National Championship Trophy*

# Baseball Team's 2001 Season Among The Best In School History

While it wasn't the year for the Statesmen to win a national championship, it was a year in which they would challenge for the national championship by finishing third in the NCAA Division II World Series. It was the Statesmen's seventh time appearance in the World Series.

On their way to recording a 50-win season for only the second time in school history, the Statesmen registered a 19-2 conference mark while winning their eighth consecutive GSC West Division Championship. Along the way, they went undefeated at home posting a 20-0 record at Ferriss Field and also broke the school record for consecutive victories in a season with 19 in a row.

Selected for their 18th NCAA Regional Tournament appearance, they earned their trip to the World Series with several come-from-behind wins in-route to becoming champions of the NCAA South Central Region.

For his leadership efforts, head coach Mike Kinnison was named the GSC and South Central Region Coach of the Year with catcher Eli Whiteside, a sixth-round draft of the Baltimore Orioles, being named the West Division MVP and pitcher John Polles earning Freshman of the Year honors.

"The character and heart of this team has been second to none to any that I've ever been around," Kinnison said. "We've had strong leadership. There has been a group of guys that have a strong blue-collar work ethic and shown it in the way they play. They've kind of taken an attitude of going out everyday and doing whatever it takes to get the job done. Certainly this team can look back on the season and say that they did that."

# DSU Catcher First Collegian Taken In Draft

*Whiteside*

Delta State University catcher Eli Whiteside has begun his career as a professional after being selected in the sixth round during the 2001 Major League Baseball Draft by the Baltimore Orioles.

Whiteside, who leaves following his junior year, hit .402 for the Statesmen this year, leading DSU to a 50-11 record and a third place finish nationally at the Division II College World Series. He had 90 hits, scored 64 runs and posted a slugging percentage of .647, leading the Gulf South Conference in triples with six. He earned first-team All-American honors, was selected All-Region, and was named the GSC West Division's Player of the Year.

"Coach Kinnison made me the player that I am today," Whiteside said. "He coaches the catchers, and takes a special interest in that position."

# Van Every Receives Double Honor

*Van Every*

Delta State University senior third baseman Marcus Van Every showed his metal on the field and in the classroom this past year as he earned both All-American and Academic All-American honors.

Van Every of Senatobia posted a 3.8 GPA in journalism while helping DSU to its first trip to the NCAA Division II Baseball World Series since 1996. He finished the season with a .389 batting average, 91 hits, 22 doubles, nine home runs and 81 RBI. Van Every was named Academic All-Gulf South Conference, First Team All-GSC West Division, ABCA/Rawlings All-South Central Region and joined catcher Eli Whiteside as a First Team All-American this year. Van Every is a Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society member and is a writer for the *Delta Statement* school newspaper.

# DSU Men Earn GSC All-Sports Crown

Delta State University and Valdosta State University are the 2000-2001 Gulf South Conference Men's and Women's All-Sports Trophy Champions, respectively.

Delta State men's teams totaled 62.5 points to Valdosta State's 61 points to earn its second All-Sports Title in three years. The Statesmen opened the year by winning the school's first national football title. They also earned berths in the GSC Tournament in four sports.

# Former Delta State SID Receives Award

*From the Bolivar Commercial*

Already known for a distinguished career of quality and quantity, University of Mississippi Assistant Athletic Director for Sports Information Langston Rogers was presented the 2001 Arch Ward Award from the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) at their annual meeting July 4 in San Diego.

*Rogers*

The award is bestowed annually upon a CoSIDA member who has made outstanding contributions to the field of college sports information, and who by his or her activities, has brought dignity and prestige to the profession. As he approaches his fifth decade in the profession, Rogers has done both.

Rogers earned a bachelor of science in education degree in 1966 and a masters degree in education in 1970 from Delta State. While a student at Delta State, he was a letterman outfielder with the DSU baseball squad, a member of the M Club, sports editor for the campus newspaper and a member of Omicron Delta Kappa and Phi Delta Kappa. Following graduation, he was hired by his alma mater and served as director of publicity and sports information director at Delta State from 1966 to 1980. He was hired at Ole Miss in 1981.

"Langston is highly regarded by all the athletic publics he serves," retired Michigan State SID Nick Vista said. "He is a tireless worker in all endeavors, operating with class and dignity at all levels."

There can be no clearer testament to his professionalism and level of performance than the fact that he already is a member of the CoSIDA Hall of Fame, inducted in 1990, and a 1997 inductee into the Mississippi Sports Writers Hall of Fame.

Additionally, Rogers has received the Distinguished Statesman Award from Delta State (1998) and the Elmore (Scoop) Hudgins Sports Information Directors Award from the All-American Football Foundation (1999).

Rogers has served as president of CoSIDA (1980-81) and president of the Southeastern Conference sports information directors (1989-91). He also was a press liaison officer for the U.S. Olympic Committee at the 1982 National Sports Festival.

"This award isn't all about me. It represents all of the people who worked with me," a humble, but appreciative Rogers said. "I've been really blessed. I thank God for the opportunity to be in this business. He told me early on I wasn't going to be a Major League player, but he did give me an opportunity to stay in sports."

# Two Named Tennis All-Americans

*van der Merwe*

Delta State University women's tennis players Jeanne van der Merwe and Adri van der Wath were named to the 2001 Intercollegiate Tennis Association All-American Team.

The senior duo from South Africa earned All-American honors as a doubles team. They finished the season ranked 8th in the nation in women's doubles with a record of 15-3. Merwe, who was also a graduate assistant, was ranked 16th in the nation in singles competition with a record of 12-3.

"This is a great accomplishment," said DSU tennis coach, Asa Atkinson. "I think this is the first time that we have had All-Americans. They were a tremendous doubles team and very deserving of this honor."

*van der Wath*

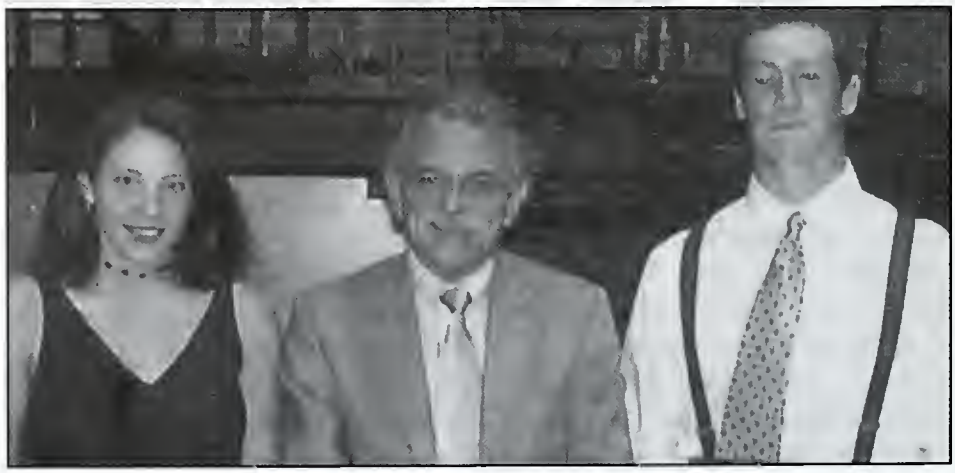
Merwe and van der Wath also earned All-GSC first team honors. It was Merwe's second consecutive season to be on the All-GSC first team. Their production helped lead the Lady Statesmen to a 16-6 overall record with a 10-2 mark in Gulf South Conference action.

# $10,000 Challenge Gift

Sam Dunning, DSU Golf Coach, announces that an anonymous donor has issued a $10,000 Challenge Gift to all former players, alumni, and friends of the DSU golf team. The donor will match dollar for dollar up to $10,000 all gifts made to support the DSU Golf Team.

To help the golf team meet the Challenge contact the DSU Foundation Office at 662.846.4708 or Sam Dunning at 662.846.4300. Gifts may be mailed to Box 3141 DSU, Cleveland, MS 38733.

# Charles S. Kerg Senior Athletes of the Year



*Jamie Howard (left) of the Lady Statesmen basketball team and Marcus Van Every (right) of the Statesmen baseball squad are joined by Dr. David Potter at the Athletic Awards Banquet where they were named the 2000-2001 Charles S. Kerg Senior Athletes of the Year at Delta State. Kerg was a long-time Sports Editor of the Delta Democrat-Times.*

# DSU SPORTS SUMMARY FOR 2000-2001

### Football
Record 14-1; GSC 8-1
NCAA Division National Champions
NCAA South Region Champions
GSC Tri-Champions
Coach Steve Campbell named Chevrolet & Don Hanson National Coach of Year
9 Players named All-Conference
4 Players named All-Region
5 Players named All-American
6 Players named GSC Academic
12 Players named GSC Honor Roll

### Men's Basketball
Record 19-10; GSC 11-5
Finished 2nd in West Division
Runner-up in GSC Tournament
1 Player named All-American
2 Players named All-GSC
4 athletes named GSC Honor Roll

### Men's Cross Country
Finished 9th at GSC Meet
3 Runners named GSC Honor Roll

### Men's Tennis
Finished 5th in GSC Tournament
2nd straight NCAA Region Appearance
4 Players named All-GSC West Division
1 Player named GSC Academic
1 Player named GSC Honor Roll

### Men's Swimming & Diving
Won the NSISL Championship
9 Swimmers qualified for NCAA Nationals
11 Swimmers named All-Conference
16 swimmers named Scholar-Athletes

### Men's Golf
Finished 3rd in GSC Tournament
1 Golfer runner-up for Tournament
Participated in NCAA South Region
1 Golf finished 5th in Regional
2 Golfers named GSC Academic
3 Golfers named GSC Honor Roll

### Women's Cross-Country
Finished 19th at GSC Meet
4 Runners named GSC Honor Roll
1 Runner named GSC Academic

### Women's Softball
Record 32-31; GSC 15-5
8 Players named All-GSC West
16 named GSC Honor Roll

### Women's Swimming & Diving
Won the NSISL Championship
10 Swimmers named All-Conference
16 Swimmers named Scholar-Athletes

### Women's Basketball
Record 32-3; GSC 14-2
Finished 1st in West Division
Won GSC Toumament
Won NCAA South Region
2nd straight Elite Eight appearance
1 Player named All-American
2 Players named All-Region
2 Players named All-GSC
Lloyd Clark GSC Coach of Year
1 Player named GSC Academic
5 Players named GSC Honor Roll

### Women's Tennis
Finished 3rd in GSC Touament
2nd straight NCAA Region appearance
Final rank of 20th in nation
2 Players named All-American
4 Players named All-GSC West Division
1 Player named GSC Academic
2 Players named GSC Honor Roll

### Men's Baseball
Record 50-11; GSC 19-3
Won GSC West Division for 8th straight year
Finished 3rd nationally at D-II World Series
Won the NCAA South Central Region
Mike Kinnison named Region Coach of Year
1 Player named GSC West Player of Year
2 Players named All-Americans
1 Player taken in 6th round of Draft
2 Players named GSC Academic
13 Players named GSC Honor Roll
1 Player named GSC West Freshman of Year
1 player named Academic All-American
2 players named Academic All-District

*Source: DSU Sports Information Office*

PIG PICKIN' 2001

SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 15, 2001
3:30 - 6 PM
AT SHUMATE PARK

DELTA STATE
VS.
WEST ALABAMA
7 PM
Parker Field

## The following recently graduated from the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson

**Bachelor of Science in Cytotechnology**
Mico LaKisha Torns

**Bachelor of Science in Health Information Management**
Hertencia Vonyi Orsby

**Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy**
Gretchen Allen Brown
Amelia Thompson Day
Jamie Sanders Bower Smith

**Master of Physical Therapy**
Mary Carlee Shivers Jenkins
Gary William McCrory
Shannon James Myers
Rachel Louise Rawlinson
Christopher Michael Reginelli
Michael Randolph Wimberly, II

**Doctor of Medicine**
Sherri Sullivan Arledge
Vivian Elizabeth Braswell
Heath Elliott Scott
Jerry Melton Sheppard
Kathy Tingle Wilson

**Doctor of Dental Medicine**
Kimberely Hannah Brown
Thomas Guion Gee

**1931**
Catherine Parks Gaines is a retired teacher from Coldwater Elementary School.

*Sanders '41*

**1941**
Viola B. Sanders, of Sidon, was named Lions' Club Outstanding Citizen of Leflore County.

**1949**
Emma Jo Woodruff is the current president of the Golden Circle group at Delta State.

*Woodruff '49*

**1950**
Rev. James Breland, of Cleveland, is the current vice president of the Golden Circle group at Delta State.

**1951**
Dr Charles Sinclair is a retired dentist in Lexington.

**1956**
George W. Lipe, of Jefferson, Arkansas, retired January 3, 2001 after 42 years of service in the Federal Government.

W.P. "Billy" Randle recently retired after 37 years of service as superintendent of the Greenwood School District.

**1958**
Elbert Hilliard is the director of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History in Jackson.

**1960**
Terrell Cobb recently retired as Administrator of the Greenwood Leflore Hospital.

Jeff Ross Capwell is president and CEO of National Community Services, Inc. in Memphis, Tenn.

*Aldy-Flmyer '61*

**1961**
Jo Betty Aldy-Femyer has taught high school English for 38 years in Sallis.

**1964**
Dr. William L. Russell has his practice at Erlanger Health System, in Chattanooga, TN

**1965**
Donna Dye, of Ridgeland, was presented an award of ment from the Mississippi Historical Society.

J. Don Jones is an attorney in Atlanta, Georgia.

**1967**
David M. Lowry, of Atlanta, has accepted the position of Senior Project Manager with KMI Parexal, an international consulting firm.

**1969**
Eileen Murray teaches 4th grade at Kennedy Elementary School in McComb.

**1970**
Lee Abraham, a Greenwood attorney, also manages other enterprises, including trucking businesses, and discount stores.

Charles Pittman, is Executive director of the Mississippi Independent Automobile Dealers Association in Jackson..

Robert L. Crook II, of Jackson, is chairman of the board to State Real Estate Appraisal. He has been appointed to a second term.

**1971**
Frank Sibley is the President and CEO of the Citizens Bank in Marks.

**1972**
Albert Britt is the Executive Vice President and COO for First National Bank in Clarksdale.

Dr. Marky Aden graduated from University of Medical School in Jackson.

**1974**
Reginald P. Barnes, of Cleveland, has been appointed to the Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, for a five-year term ending July 1, 2005, representing the 2nd Congressional District.

**1976**
Dr. Jerald Ainsworth is the Director of Research for The College of Veterinary Medicine at Mississippi State University in Starkville.

Bertha Cummings is senior vice president of State Bank & Trust in Cleveland

**1978**
Alfred L. Jones, of Clarksdale, has been named to State Bank & Trust's advisory board.

**1979**
Sandra Camphor is a teacher at Ocean Springs High School Theatre Arts Program in Ocean Springs.

**1980**
Jeff Russell, of Clinton, has been named Executive Vice President of Goldwin Group

Arthur M. "Artie" Hutchins is a Special Agent Recruitment Coordinator for the US Department of Justice/Drug Enforcement Administration in Metairie, LA.

John K. Lindsey, of Cleveland, is district manager for the Greenwood district of the Mississippi State Tax Commission.

**1981**
John T. McIntyre is the Assistant Vice President, Manufactured & Dry Groceries SYSCO Corporation in Houston, TX.

Bert Nokes III was chosen the Teacher of the Year at Pearl High School.

Frank Bradford graduated from Mississippi School of Banking and is Vice-President with Union Planters Bank in Grenada.

**1982**
Douglas G. Dickey has been with GuildeOne Insurance for 17 years as a sales director in Brandon.

**1983**
Harvey Tackett is 2001 president of the Greenville Area Chamber of Commerce.

**1984**
Paul Martin is the Manager of the Special Investigation Unit for Wausau Insurance Company in Madison.

Donna Harris Perry is plant controller for Sealed Air Corporation's Cryovac Division in the Simpsonville, South Carolina flexible packaging manufacturing facility.

**1985**
Daniel P. Lipe is the Execuuve Vice President for the Community Bank of Florida.

**1986**
Leon Ainsworth is the manager of the employment office of the Mississippi Employment Security Commission in Clarksdale.

Katrina Boyett Myricks, of Ridgeland, was nominated for an award given by Baptist Health Systems, Lifetime Television for Women.

**1987**
Melissa G. Sims, of Greenwood, recently completed the curriculum of the Mississippi School of Banking.

**1988**
John S. Holloway, of Memphis, received his Masters of Business Administration Degree from Columbia Southern University.

Dr. Beth Tibbs is president of the Cleveland Rotary Club.

**1989**
Beverly Coons Lindsey is office manager at UAP MidSouth in Cleveland.

Olivia Wood Brunson is a National Board Certified Teacher in Charleston.

Bryan Thornhill, of Greenwood, has been elected to serve one-year term on the executive council of the Mississippi Young Bankers.

Don Allen Skelton, Jr.'s Northwest Community College 2001 men's basketball team in Senatobia captured the State and Region 23 title, and then advanced to the Elite 8 games in Hutchinson, Kansas.

**1990**
Rodney Hughes is owner of the NTEGRATE Company in Memphis, TN.

**1991**
Melanie Vaughn Balducci was recently promoted to Rural Development Specialist with USDA-Rural Development in Batesville.

*Herlong '91*

Dwight Herlong, of Smyrna, Georgia, is a distribution center manager with Tyco International Healthcare Division.

**1992**
Peyton Davis Warrington was promoted to the position of Assistant Administrator at the Baptist Memorial Hospital North Mississippi in Oxford.

*Teague '92*

Dr. Brad Teague, of Oxford, received a Ph.D. in University Leadership from the University of Mississippi.

Brian Chewning is a project manager at the Vicksburg District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Vicksburg.

Claire Hutchison is with Pfizer Pharmaceuticals as senior IT auditor working out of New York City.

Robert Dorch recently accepted the position as athletic director and head football coach at Hardaway High School in Columbus, Georgia.

*Taylor '92*

Tanya Taylor is corporate accountant with TeleSouth Broadcasting in Jackson.

**1993**
Heather Ryan is owner of an art gallery and business consulting and design firm downtown Grenada.

James D. Johnson, of Ruleville, was named Football Coach of the Year in Division 4-2A for the 2nd consecutive year.

Tresa Smith Cummins earned certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards in Science and teaches in Norwood, North Carolina.

Brian Walley is Team Lead in the fixed assets department with Bellsouth in Atlanta, Georgia.

**1994**
Lisa Chudy has opened an Article furniture store in Jackson.

Jason "Ryan" Boykin is a House Arrest Field Officer in West Point for the Mississippi Department of Corrections.

Melissa McKellar is a Special Events Coordinator at the Gold Strike Casino Resort in Robinsonville.

**1995**
Doug McClure has been promoted to Assistant Vice President of Senatobia Bank.

**1996**
James Glorioso has been promoted to branch officer at the Park Avenue branch in Greenwood.

Charles Homan is the creative director for Godwin Group in Oxford. Charles also received Graphic Designer of the Year at this year's ADDYS.

Heather Pennington Homan is at Marshall Academy in Holly Spring, AR.

*McLendon '96*

Mike McLendon is the Athletic Director, Head Football Coach and the Head Baseball Coach at Bayou Academy in Cleveland.

Erin Hammett Smithhart is branch manager of Community Commerce Bank in Cordova, Tennessee.

J. B. Lowrie is with the lending department of the Senatobia Bank in Senatobia.

*Cox '97*

John Cox, of Cleveland, coached a Dixie Major baseball team that finished third in the state tournament.

**1997**
Lisa Ellis, RN, BSN, is the new nurse manager of the Medical/Surgical unit in Cleveland.

*Ellis '97*

John Wise is the assistant vice president for Trustmark National Bank in Jackson.

**1998**
Mandie Delaine Bardin graduated magna cum laude from the Mississippi College School of Law in Jackson.

**1999**
Chris S. Bowman is with American Imaging in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Robert Bradley is the manager of Sherwin Williams in Batesville.

**2000**
Shelley Foster Sheppard has joined State Bank Valley Bank as Business Development and Sale Representative in Jackson.

Cyrus Vance was named Teacher of the Year at Lucy Webb Elementary in Greenville.

Heather Talbert Hawthorne is in medical school at the University of Arkansas in Little Rock, Arkansas.

*Mosby '01*

**2001**
Brooks Marlow Rizzo is a nurse at Family Medical Clinic in Cleveland.

Joel Mosby, of Cleveland, is an insurance agent with New York Life.

## Wedding Bells

*Note: All weddings are in 2001 unless otherwise indicated*

**Mary Christa Mims** to Thomas Kristian King on December 31, 2000.

**Dabney Scott Young** '99 to James Bernard Kessing, II on February 3.

**Susan Brooke Balof** '98 to John Wallace Corban on February 10.

Frances-West Redmond to **Dale Cook** on February 17.

Magalys Emperatriz Osorio to **Max Stephen Bonner** '86 on February 24.

**Cole Michelle Gafford** '00 to **Michael Paul Loper** '00 on March 10.

Kimberly Rhea Jenkins to **John Noble Newton** '95 on March 10.

**Carolyn Danielle Miller** '00 to Michael Tyson Sherman on March 10.

**Kathryn O'Neill Hargrave** '98 to Will Logan Hood on March 17.

**Lori Michelle Hoke** '97 to **Steven Craig Verhage** '92 on March 31.

Megan Suzanne Hitt to **Anthony Andrew Mayhan** '98 on March 31.

Dr. Andrea Marble to **Parker Barrett** '00 on April 7.

**Paula Kaye Simmons** '95 to Walter James Murphy on April 7

**Mandy Worsham** to Joe Morris Johnson on April 21.

Leah Alison Crowe to **Kenneth Krister Corley** '96 on April 21.

Deborah Aline Pittman to **John Christopher Cox** '96 on April 21.

**Kristin Renea Bost** '92 to Dirk Andrew Gann on April 28.

Kathryn Elizabeth Booth to **Bradford McAllester Stewart** '95 on April 28.

Kozy Smith-Brown to **Ashley Gammill** on April 28.

**Martha Renee Dean** '96 to Ken Holm, III on April 29.

**Margaret Elizabeth Sherman** '99 to Scott Patterson Sorrells on May 5.

**Rileyann Juliet Williams** '95 to **William David "Buck" Smith** '00 on May 12.

**Carmen Elizabeth Cooper** '92 to **Cetin Oguz** on May 12.

**Christin Meredith Chrestman** '93 to Todd Louis Jones on May 19.

**Mary Margaret Bryant** '00 to John Ems Chrestman, III on May 19.

Kimberly Luann Clark to **Andrew Maxwell McKenzie** on May 19.

**April Carol Cheek** '01 to **Neil Andrew Davidson** '01 on May 19.

**Mary Susan Bandston** '00 to Hercial Cobb, Jr on May 26.

**Amber Michelle Mullin** to Jimmy Moran Harrell, Jr. on May 26.

**Monica M. Johnson** '97 to Vincent D. Tompkins on June 2.

Kristi Michelle Moore to **Michael Andrew Bell** on June 2

**Jennifer Dill** to Brian Hollis on June 2.

Mary Clay Wadlington to **Matthew Bennett Morgan** '01 on June 2.

**Kattrina Vinetta Miller** '00 to Derrick Orlando Roach on June 2.

**Dr. Stacey Leanne Sanders** '90 to Ronald Eugene Parker on June 2.

Sharea Milner to **Casey Myrick** '98 on June 2.

**Lauren Camille Bridges** '98 to John Richard Laws on June 2.

**Jennifer McCrory** '01 to **Micah Everett** '01 on June 9.

Madonna Michelle Gipson to **James Redrick Bankston, Jr.** on June 9.

**Laurie Godbold** '01 to **Erik Matthew Johnson** '01 on June 16.

**Belinda Christine Bonner** '94 to Joseph David Sink, Jr on June 23.

**Debra Lynne Sabbatini** '96 to Donald James Dunn on June 23.

**Amanda Leigh Beach** '99 to Justin Victor Murphree on June 30.

**Janet Lynn Riser** '74 to Larry Kenneth Beasley on June 30.

**Melissa Shawn Mitchell** '01 to Kevin Thomas Miller on June 30.

**Rachel Louise Rawlinson** '98 to Marion Walter Towery on July 7.

**Corri Lane Barner** '01 to **Chadley Richard Huff** '99 on July 21

**Jennifer Thornton** '94 to **Howard Bruce Stubbs** '89 on July 27.

## Baby Statesmen

*Note: All births are in 2001 unless otherwise indicated*

Coleman Scott to Mr. and Mrs. John Scott Suber '93 **(Amanda Toole '95)** on November 17, 1998.

Lantis Timothy to Mr. and Mrs. Don Lee Coleman '85 **(Cheryl Denis Carr '85)** on April 3, 1999.

# Delta State University Alumni Association Membership Application

SS# _____ Class of_____

Name _____
Last First Middle

Nickname: _____ Birthdate:_____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip_____

Employer: _____

Job Title:_____

Phone (Home): _____ (Work)_____

For our tax records, please use your full legal name

Please check the type membership that best suits your needs:

△ 1 year ($20 single, $30 Joint) △ Life ($300 single, $400 joint)

I would also like to join the following alumni groups:

△ Accounting ($10) △ Aviation ($5) △ Music ($5)
△ Art ($5) △ Black ($5) △ Nursing ($5)
△ Athletic ($10) △ Family & Consumer Science (H.Ec.) ($5)

Total amount enclosed:_____

△ Check △ VISA △ Mastercard

Card # _____

Name: (exactly as it appears on card) _____

Signature: _____ Exp. Date:_____

Life dues can be paid in installments of $50 each year.

Make checks payable to: DSU Alumni Association
Mail to: PO Box 3104,Cleveland, MS 38733

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## *With the Classes (Cont.)*

Christian Ellis to Mr. and Mrs. Dough Fontaine **(JoAnne Colotta '81)** on March 9, 2000.

Kayleigh Nicole to Mr. and Mrs. John Lindsey '80 **( Beverly Coons '89)** on June 19, 2000.

Laura Addison to Mr. and Mrs. Randall Upton **(Stacy Waldrup '90)** on October 25, 2000.

Ripken Sheffield to Mr. and Mrs. **Chad Anthony '99** (Chess Rush) on October 31, 2000.

Reiss Mallard to Mr. and Mrs. **Robert Farris ' 99 (Melissa Stone '98)** on November 28, 2000.

Eleanor Catherine to Mr. and Mrs. **Greg Martin Fahey '92** (Mary Elizabeth) on December 11, 2000.

Hannah Katharine to Mr. and Mrs. Keith Perry **(Donna Harris '84)** on December 12, 2000.

Jenna Kathryn to Mr. and Mrs. **James "Ryan" Boykin '94** on January 10.

Charles Conner to **Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Whitney** on January 11.

Austin William born February 26, 2000 adopted January 22, 2001 from Russia by Mr. and Mrs. **Chase Wright '93 (Monica Fioranelli '93)**

Isabella Rose to **Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bolden '92** on January 23.

Joseph Wesley "Wes" to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Magee **(Bettye Gordon '96)** on January 24.

Paxton Alexander born July 26, 2000 adopted January 30, 2001 from Guatemala by **Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dorch '92 (Dee Skelton '91)**

Berris Lynn to **Dr. and Mrs. Brad Teague '92 (Regina Beach '93)** on February 13.

Shelby Kathryn to **Mr. and Mrs. Corey Sledge '96 (Allison Roberts '95)** on February 15.

Logan Guion to **Mr. and Mrs. Brian Keith '99 (Amanda Luci Gordon '94)** on February 23.

James John Martindale "Jack" to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Loome **( Nancy Disharoon '83)** on March 5.

Lauren Nichole to Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Mitchell '95 **(Christy Brower '97)** on March 8.

Anna Claire to Mr. and Mrs. Jason Wood **(Jennifer Wooley '94)** on March 15.

Malcolm David to **Dr. and Mrs. Bill McArthur '91** (Christine) on March 25.

Cooper Jackson to **Mr. and Mrs. Andy Clark '97 (Rena Rasberry '97)** on March 28.

Reed to Mr. and Mrs. Carey Baker **(Jennifer Ducrest '98)** on April 4.

Tucker William to **Mr. and Mrs. James William "Billy" Kirk '00** on April 11.

Anna Katherine to **Mr. and Mrs. Greg Lindsey '94 (Shelia Guest '91)** on April 13.

Clair Elizabeth to **Mr. and Mrs. Mark Morse '89 (Mandy Cooper '91)** on April 16.

James "Jay" Carl to **Mr. and Mrs. James Duncan '99 (Malinda Moore '98)** on April 18.

Nolan Scott to **Dr. and Mrs. Doty Farmer '92 (Vontese Russell '93)** on April 19.

Leland Sumner to **Mr. and Mrs. John Capocaccia '92** on April 23.

Landon Cade to Mr. and Mrs. Dave Herbert **(Angela Chancellor '92)** on April 25.

Maria Elise to **Mr. and Mrs. Richard Greco '85** (Lynne) on April 30.

Cassidy Lauren to **Mr. and Mrs. David Balducci '91 (Melanie Vaughn '91)** on May 5.

Hayden Frank to **Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cooper '90** on May 9.

Anna Claire to **Mr. and Mrs. Scott Blaylock '95** (Kelli) on May 30.

Regan Drake to **Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt Rives '93** (Shea) on May 31.

Jordan Walker to **Mr. and Mrs. Keith Verucchi '95 (Brooke Welch '94)** on May 31.

Brock to **Mr. and Mrs. Brady Perry '78** (Judy) on June 7.

# In Memoriam

*Note: All deaths in 2001 unless otherwise indicated*

James Elgin Bolen, died October 6, 2000.
William E. "Bill" Bassett, class of 1974, died January 26.
Dr. Zander Dorr Klein, class of 1992, died January 27.
Marty Burks, class of 1985, died February 1.
Jane Carol Anding Pleasant, class of 1943, died February 6.
James L. "Jimmy" Webb, class of 1984, died February 7.
Sue Shelton Coppage, class of 1943, died February 24.
Lucille England, class of 1943, died March 3.
J.C. Darby, class of 1937, died March 23.
Dr. Douglas McDonald, died March 24.
James Cothran "Jimmy" Wilburn, class of 1962, died March 29.
Samuel McMillian, class of 1962, died April 6.
Justin Perry, died April 13.
Mary Eugenia Bays Martin, class of 1942, died April 23.
Clay Joshua Gilliam, class of 1948, died May 3
Clara Belle Hill Wiley, died May 25.
Wynell F. Rawson, class of 1992, died June 10.
Harry Lee Ballard, class of 1966, died June 18.

# Alumni Update

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*Fall 2001*

# *New Life Members*

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| Betsy Aguzzi | 1996 | Ken Frederick Doster, Jr. | 2001 | Kimberely Martin | 1998 | Rileyann Williams Smith | 1995 |
| John Aguzzi | 1995 | Robert W. Garner | 1978 | Rodney Martin | 1997 | William "Buck" Smith | 2000 |
| Jamie Kathleen Armour | 2001 | Leigh Janoush | 1989 | Walkter Jordan | 1991 | Dale Lewis Strickland | 1995 |
| Ronald Brewer | 2001 | Tom Janoush | 1990 | Delisa Parker | 1986 | Joe Versen | 1969 |
| Jeff Byrd | 1997 | Carl Wesley Jones | 1997 | Jennifer B. Randolph | 1994 | May Ringold Whittington | 1992 |
| Kim Choate | 1991 | Audrey Lee Jones | 1997 | Dorothy Richards | 1981 | | |
| John Coopwood | 1995 | Dr. William Lewis | 1977 | Terry Richards | 1974 | ***New Athletic Life Member*** | |
| Barbara Gwen Daniels | 1971 | Chris Lloyd | 1993 | Brooks Rizzo | 2001 | Tom Janoush | 1990 |
| Penny DeFreese | 2001 | Larry E. Magee, Sr. | 1972 | Brenda Safley | 1973 | | |

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# RealPure's David Cox Banks on the Basics

By Lana Lawrence Draper

According to Columbus native, David Cox, a 1971 graduate of Delta State, there is a lot to be said for sticking to the basics. He's built his successful business career on two basic elements most of us take for granted—first land and now water.

Cox's first successful venture was in the area of real estate development in the Jackson, Mississippi area. By 1988, he was named one of the Top 100 Developers in the U.S. by Shopping Center World magazine.

Never one to turn from a challenge, in the 1990's, David became intrigued by an opportunity to enter the burgeoning bottled water market. In 1998, now partner, Andrew Mattiace acquired some land in Simpson County that contained a spring which flows an estimated 1 million gallons a day. Once the source of water for the City of Magee's water supply, this natural flowing spring is considered to be one of the country's "purest sources of water"... having only 14-15 TDS (Total Dissolve Solvents) as compared with other leading brands of bottled water on the market that average over 200 TDS.

Cox, who is president and founder of RealPure Beverage Company, along with Mattiace Water Company, invested $2.5 million in a 15,000 square foot facility to capture and bottle the water at the site.

Cox describes drinking the water from the Magee spring "like drinking air".

"It tastes like water should taste," notes Cox. "There should not be a taste."

Since it's founding, sales for RealPure water have increased 100% and the company has been rated by the *Mississippi Business Journal* as the fastest growing company in the state. In fact, in the year 2000 RealPure Beverage Group expanded the Simpson County plant to 60,000 square feet and added a whole new dimension to the company with RealPro Sports Drink. To help market his new product, Cox signed Brett Favre of the Green Bay Packers as spokesperson for the product.

*Founder David Cox (right) with RealPro national spokesperson Green Bay Packer quarterback and Mississippian Brett Favre.*

"The difference in RealPro and other sports drinks is that it is packed with spring water and has the lowest sodium content of all sports drinks," explains Cox. "Even more importantly, the resonation of molecules in the drink is the same as in the human body, which allows for fast absorption in the blood stream allowing a person to hydrate faster."

According to Cox the company's goal is to be in the Top 10 of the beverage market, and it looks like it is well on its way.

A proud fan of DSU's football team, Cox supplied the team with RealPro for spring training and for the National Championship season. *Could there be a correlation here?*

Cox looks back on his own years at Delta State as some of the "best in his life". He especially remembers Art Whittemore among his many wonderful professors.

"Art Whittemore taught me so much about life...not just political science," Cox recalls fondly.

David Cox lives in Jackson with his wife Leslie and daughter Devin. - **DSU**

## DSU Graduate ..... Leads Owen Healthcare

*Winstead*

When Philadelphia, Miss., native Dwight Winstead graduated Delta State University in 1970 with a Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology, he never dreamed that some day he would one day become the president of the nation's largest pharmacy management Company—Owen Healthcare, Inc. Owen Healthcare manages 400 acute care pharmacies, including the pharmacy at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson. The company operates in 45 states and employs 4,000 professionals, including 1,700 pharmacists.

Winstead, who lives in Houston, Texas, recalls two important influences on his years at Delta State, Dr. Johnny Ouzts and Dr. Jesse White who set him on his career path with a strong background in the sciences. - **DSU**

## DSU Alumna Chosen for Professional Leadership Study

*Richards*

Letha Richards, of Cleveland, has been chosen to participate in the Louis Stokes Professional Leadership Program at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in Pasadena, Calif.

Richards, who earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Science (1993) and her Masters of Science degree in Biology with an Ecology emphasis (1997) from Delta State, will participate in all meetings and conferences considered beneficial to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO).

Having taught Biology, Botany, and Zoology the past four years at Coahoma Community College, Richards said that her major focus "is to increase the number of minority students majoring in Science, Mathematics, Engineering, and Technology disciplines at community colleges." Richards has also served as coordinator of the NAVOCEANO Mentoring Program, the NASA Space Grant Consortium.

Richards will spend the next two years at the JPL field site, with the remaining two years to be spent on the campus of participating minority institutions in the leadership program.

# Delta State University
## 2001 ALUMNI MEETING

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*Left: Tim Gaines, class of '94, and Kellie Mitchell Burress, class of '93 at the Memphis Area Alumni Meeting*

*Below: Newly elected president is Cam Harrington, class of '96 presents a plaque to past president Betty Jo Abraham, class of "64*

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*Left: Tom & Martin Jeneff, owners of Champs BBQ, are DSU alumni who served as hosts at the Atlanta area alumni meeting.*

*Right: Incoming president, Julia Carson Soniat (left), class of '78, presents a service award plaque to the outgoing president Sue Martin Daigreport, '81, at the New Orleans area alumni meeting.*

NEW ORLEANS

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*Left: Rochelle Greene and Jo Case Burton, class of '78 enjoy talking over the "good ole days" at the Greater Jackson Area Alumni Meeting. Corporate Sponsors of the meeting were: Mandy Gardner of Maselle & Assoc., Fountain Construction Co., Capital City Beverage, RealPure Beverage, Guy & Loura Barr, Jackson Coca-Cola, Sam Waggoner, and Steve Puckett.*

## The 22nd Annual Mississippi Picnic in Central Park, NYC

June 9

*Janie Quong Chen, class of '75*

*New York Skyline*

*Delta State Registration Tent*

## Crawfish Boil

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*DSU Green & White Girls*

*Crawfish Boil*

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